

## Dispute over size of security zone

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A major dispute has suddenly emerged between Israel and Lebanon on the basic issue of the size of the proposed security zone in South Lebanon. Lebanese officers at talks in Netanya yesterday said Beirut would not countenance a 45-50 kilometre zone, as Israel demands. Beirut envisages a zone of less than half that size.

Israel's contention has always been that the zone must coincide with the farthest range of Soviet artillery pieces, so as to ensure that the north of Galilee is not threatened by bombardment again.

Lebanon apparently regards the security zone primarily as an anti-infiltration belt, rather than as an anti-artillery buffer.

There had been no public indication prior to yesterday that the Lebanese would take issue with Israel over the depth of the security zone. Previously, Lebanese leaders had said publicly that they recognized the need for such a zone, and had not referred to its envisaged dimensions.

The size of the zone is the latest, and perhaps the most fundamental, in a series of disputes concerning security arrangements in south Lebanon. After a day of talks in Netanya yesterday there was no word from Israeli sources of progress on any of these issues. They include:

- The role of UNIFIL and the multinational force in the south (Israel wants neither of them in the anti-artillery buffer).

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## Yeshivot to receive IS2.8b. from Treasury

Post Economic Reporter

The Treasury will transfer IS2.8 billion to yeshivot during the 1983 fiscal year, as part of the coalition agreement. However, it admits it has no control over the way the money is spent, the number of pupils enrolled in the yeshivot or if the yeshivot have other sums transferred to it from the government budget.

These facts were given yesterday to the Knesset State Control Committee in the conclusion of their debate over the sums transferred from the Treasury to the Religious Affairs Ministry for religious institutions.

During the meeting, the Treasury was presented for the first time with a list of 80 religious institutions receiving money from the public coffers.

The list is divided into four groups. The first group of yeshivot

is connected to the different Agudat Yisrael factions. A second group of institutes and yeshivot is linked to the National Religious Party. A third group represents Sephardi yeshivot, while a fourth group brings together a number of institutions under the title "Treasury's obligations" to which no explanation was added.

According to the Treasury, the list was drawn up by MK Avraham Melamed (NRP) and MK Shlomo Lorincz (Agudat Yisrael) and then presented by Melamed to the Treasury. The cash is then transferred to the institution listed without any control on the ways the recipients use the money.

At the meeting State Comptroller Yitzhak Tunik criticized the ways the money is transferred and said it would be better if no politician was involved in the process.



Demonstrators from the Musrara quarter of Jerusalem and supporters from the Ir Ganim quarter mingle yesterday in the air raid shelter taken over on Monday by the Musrara residents. They are dissatisfied with the manner in which the government has carried out the Project Renewal scheme in their quarter where only three new shelters — among them the one taken over — and not a single new apartment has been built. (Rahamim Israeli)

## Pierre Jemayel says Israel wants to partition Lebanon

BEIRUT (AP). — Phalange Party leader Pierre Jemayel accused Israel in a newspaper interview published yesterday of seeking to partition Lebanon by driving a wedge between the nation's Christian and Moslem communities.

Jemayel, father of President Amin Jemayel, said there were fears sectarian mini-states would be created that would allow Israel and Syria to maintain spheres of influence in Lebanon.

Jemayel was speaking to the Beirut leftist newspaper *Al-Safir* about his meeting with Defence Minister Ariel Sharon last Thursday in Bekfaya, the Jemayel family hometown 20 kilometres east of Beirut.

Sharon told Jemayel that if Lebanon did not agree to Israeli terms in the troop withdrawal negotiations, Israeli forces would undertake a unilateral pullback (Continued on Page 2, Col. 4)

## Med-Dead profit calculated by bending Treasury rules

By CHARLES HOFFMAN  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Mediterranean-Dead Sea Project (MDP) was able to forecast a \$400 million profit only by deviating from standard Treasury instructions for calculating how much major investment projects will cost the economy. If these standard criteria had been applied, then the MDP would come out only as a break-even, or even a losing, proposition.

Last week Energy Minister Yitzhak Moda'i announced that the direct energy benefits of the hydro-electric project would yield a \$400m. profit. Only three weeks before he said that it was a break-even proposition in strict economic terms.

The projection showing a profit was based on a discount rate of 6 per cent. The discount rate is used by the Treasury to evaluate the costs to the economy of the future benefits anticipated from investment projects.

The official discount rates now used by the Treasury range from 8 to 10 per cent.

The figures in the final feasibility study of the MDP, which were obtained by *The Jerusalem Post*, show that at an 8 per cent discount rate the project would break even. If a discount rate of 10 per cent were applied, then it would show a considerable loss.

The cost-benefit calculations done to estimate the economic viability of the MDP were based on two possibilities: either a 6 or 8 per cent discount rate. The projections also assumed an annual 1 per cent increase in the price of fuels to be replaced by the 800 megawatt generator at the Dead Sea outlet of the canal and tunnel system running across the Negev.

The MDP Company has not yet released the figures showing a break-even outcome at 8 per cent. But in the introduction to the feasibility study, the project heads claim that even at 8 per cent the MDP would be worthwhile because of its indirect benefits such as cooling water for inland power plants and water for industrial and energy projects.

## Shamir: Stop talk of Israel-U.S. crisis

By ASHER WALLFISH  
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Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir warned yesterday that "superfluous statements highlighting the differences of opinion between Israel and the United States are merely exacerbating relations between our two countries to no purpose."

Speaking in the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defence Committee, Shamir left the impression that he was directing his rebuke as much at Defence Minister Ariel Sharon, as at the government's opposition critics.

Some of Shamir's listeners believed the foreign minister was dissociating himself from Sharon when he said that America's policy towards Lebanon should not be linked with America's policy towards the future of Judea and Samaria.

Shamir said that disagreements between Israel and the U.S. had been a feature of the past 30 years and more, while absolute identity of views had never occurred. "We have to hold firm to our positions without provoking a crisis because we have nothing to gain from a deterioration of relations," Shamir said.

He said that the main problem in the negotiations with Lebanon was that the Lebanese delegation would not take any decision which was not acceptable to the U.S. "This militates against harmony between Israel and the United States," he commented.

"I cannot say there has been no (Continued on Page 2, Col. 2)

## Begin calls for deliberate speed in negotiations

By ARYEH RUBINSTEIN  
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Israel's negotiations with the Lebanese must be conducted with a sense of urgency, but also with a measure of patience, Prime Minister Menachem Begin said yesterday. He was opening a Knesset debate on the budget of the Prime Minister's Office.

Israel cannot withdraw its forces from Lebanon unilaterally and let thousands of Lebanese leftists and PLO terrorists reorganize, Begin said. That would be a sure recipe for restoring the status quo ante, with Israel's northern towns and settlements in jeopardy.

For this reason, Israel was insisting on adequate security arrangements in Lebanon after the withdrawal of foreign troops — arrangements not just on paper but on the ground. Such arrangements would ensure peace not only for Galilee, but for all of Israel, the prime minister said.

Begin called for meticulous adherence to international agreements. Israel had shown the way by honouring — despite the pain — its undertakings in the Camp David accords, he said.

Begin noted that the Camp David accords do not promise a Palestinian state — with or without Jordan. Nor do they say a word about "self-determination" for the Palestinians.

There are already 21 Arab states,

Begin said. Did "justice" really demand the establishment of a 22nd Arab state — and one that would endanger the existence of Israel?

Turning to the question of settlement in Judea and Samaria, the prime minister said that it was the right of Jews to live in all parts of Eretz Yisrael — with security. Unfavourable objective conditions, such as proximity to dense concentrations of Arab population or rocky land, had never before served as a brake on Jewish settlement.

"We cannot freeze our settlement activity any more than we can freeze life itself," Begin said.

Once again the prime minister said that Israel would welcome King Hussein's joining the peace negotiations, but would not agree to his laying down prior conditions.

"After all," Begin said, "no one is doing anyone else a favour by joining the negotiations."

Alignment chairman Shimon Peres, who led off for the opposition, said that the Zionist enterprise had confronted difficulties in the past, too, but then it knew how to compromise. It was decisive for the state-in-the-making that it hearkened to Weizmann rather than to Jabotinsky.

So it was with settlement, too, Peres said. In the past, settlement was bound up with changing the face of society. And it went hand in hand with aliyah. There could be no Jewish soil without real Jewish settlers. Since the Likud came to

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## Shouf battles leave 17 dead, 34 injured

BEIRUT (AP). — Christian and Druse militiamen battled under cover of heavy artillery and rocket barrages in the central mountains yesterday, killing 17 people and wounding 34.

Several houses, shops and cars caught fire as the rival factions lobbed hand grenades at each other's hilltop positions and fired volleys of artillery and rockets in the Aley and Shouf provinces — southeast of Beirut.

According to Lebanese police, the Israeli army in the Shouf district was trying to impose a cease-fire. The latest round of fighting has brought to 34 the number of deaths since Saturday.

More than 130 people have died in sporadic battles between the two sides since last November. The fighting intensified this week after Druse militiamen shelled Christian

residential neighbourhoods in and around East Beirut last Saturday.

Menachem Horowitz adds: The commander of IDF forces in the Shouf Mountains said yesterday that "outside elements" are behind the renewal of fighting.

The reference was mainly to the Syrians, who are able to influence both sides to shoot at each other.

An investigation by security forces also shows that terrorists who were helped by Druse in the Aley area and the Shouf region later attacked IDF vehicles in the Beirut area, he said.

The IDF commander said that both the Druse and Christians are short of weapons, and this shortage has reduced the scale of fighting. "We will respond vigorously to attempts by either side to renew fire," he said.

## West Bankers to consider 'peace covenant'

By A.E. NORDEN  
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Arabs from the West Bank and Gaza Strip will be asked to approve a 39-point Palestinian National Peace Covenant at a founding convention in Hebron this month of a new political party, *The Jerusalem Post* has learned.

The chairman of the Hebron area village leagues, Mohammed Nasser, told *The Post* on Monday that the covenant will be presented to delegates and others who attend the meeting of the Palestinian Democratic Peace Movement on February 12, three days before the PLO's Palestinian National Congress in Algiers.

The covenant includes the following points:

- A rejection of the 1974 Rabat resolution, whereby the Arab states named the PLO the only representative of the Palestinians. The

"peace covenant" asserts that the Rabat resolution is "null and void," since the PLO is "run by various Arab regimes" and has brought only "disaster" on the Palestinians.

- The acceptance of Israel's "right to exist" and the right of Jews "to live where they want."

- A call to the Palestinians to "hold onto their soil and national unity," and to the world to recognize their "right to a homeland in the West Bank and Gaza."

- A call for "direct negotiations" between the Palestinians and Israel, leading to a peace treaty. The basis of these negotiations is to be UN Security Council resolutions and

the Camp David framework.

- A call for "internationally supervised elections" in the West Bank and Gaza, to determine the "true leaders" of the Palestinians.

- "Special relations" between the future Palestinian state and Jordan. Other sections of the covenant deal with some of the political, social and economic institutions of the Palestinian state. A local police force is envisaged to keep "law and order." Although "free access to holy places" is cited, there is no mention of Jerusalem.

Nasser, an electrical engineer, said that 60 delegates — 20 from the Gaza Strip and 40 from the West Bank — will take part in the Hebron meeting as founders of the

first legal political party in the areas since the Six Day War. He said the military government is aware of these plans and has not objected to the formation of the National Peace Movement.

The party, Nasser said, will in effect be an expanded version of the village leagues.

He added that he expects "many thousands" of residents of the West Bank and Gaza to be on hand. They will also be presented with the covenant, and Nasser said that he thought they would accept it by acclamation.

Repeating what he told an Israeli Bonds group last Friday, Nasser

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## Doctors' demands denied; strike looms

By MARGERY GREENFELD  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Employers at public and government medical institutions yesterday rejected demands by the Israel Medical Association for a 100 per cent rise, contending that their offer of a 22-per-cent salary hike agreed upon in the recent collective wage agreement is the only way to safeguard that agreement.

Anything beyond this offer could overturn the country's entire salary structure, the employers said. The deadlock in negotiations increases the likelihood of a general strike by doctors within the next two weeks.

Within the parameters of the 22 per cent rise, the employers are prepared to give a somewhat larger pay hike to junior doctors and residents, while holding back a matching percentage from the more highly paid senior staff. But the doctors rejected this formula.

The doctors have not set a date for their strike, but it could start as early as February 9, when 60 days will have passed since the medical association announced its cancellation of the former wage agreement, which had expired. February 9 is also the end of the 15-day period following the association's declaration of a labour dispute.

A team of legal advisers from several ministries is

working on measures designed to block the strike, the Health Ministry spokeswoman said last night. It was learned the measures could include back-to-work orders and barring doctors from using hospitals, clinics or other facilities to operate the interim medical services they intend to offer.

The Israel Medical Association is putting the finishing touches on a new corporation from which all doctors will draw their salaries if and when there is a general strike. Doctors will report to their places of work during the strike and will offer the full range of medical services — but patients will be required to pay the doctors directly on the spot. The doctors will then transfer all payments to the central corporation and will receive their salaries from the corporation, rather than from the employers, for the duration of the strike.

Lawyers for the medical association are also gearing up to fight any legal steps taken by the employers to break or block the strike.

The doctors are seeking an increase in their basic salaries, which the medical association says are among the lowest in the country. A doctor's basic hourly wage ranges from \$2.50 to \$3, less than the \$10 or more received by accountants, attorneys and others working in the free professions, the association pointed out.

## Phalange on terror spree in Sidon

By CHARLES HOFFMAN  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Phalange in the Sidon area have launched a campaign of intimidation and murder against Palestinians in the area to force them either to leave or to move into a ghetto around the Ein Hilwe refugee camp, according to a reliable source in contact with the IDF in Lebanon.

Seven bodies of Palestinians recently murdered were found during the past week outside Ein Hilwe, the source said. These are in addition to the five bodies of Palestinians found about two weeks ago, whom the IDF determined had been murdered about four or five months ago.

The Phalange have also made oral threats or sent threatening letters to Palestinian residents outside the camp, warning them that they can expect "similar treatment" unless they move out. Some 10 families have left already, although it is not clear if they had been occupying flats rented from Lebanese or their own apartments. A number of high-rise apartment buildings for Palestinians were built in the centre of Sidon during the PLO regime.

The IDF spokesman in Tel Aviv could only confirm that "five or six" bodies of Palestinians had been found recently, and did not know if the murders were politically motivated.

There are about 18,000 Palestinians living in the Ein Hilwe camp and at least twice that number in other parts of Sidon.

It is significant that the threats were reportedly made against the Palestinians living in Lebanon since 1948, many of whom have become established economically and seek to remain permanently in Lebanon. Most of the radical Palestinians and PLO supporters were drawn from those who arrived in the 1970s, and most of this group fled north or east to Syrian-controlled territory during the war.

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Haifa	37	1-19	16
Nahariya	37	1-19	16
Safed	44	3-11	9
Haifa Port	39	1-16	15
Tiberias	64	3-19	15
Nazareth	39	1-16	13
Alula	39	3-18	16
Shomron	41	3-16	13
Tel Aviv	55	6-18	15
B-G Airport	55	5-18	15
Jericho	41	3-18	17
Be'er Sheva	41	3-17	15
Dimona	23	5-21	18

## Likud MK complains of gov't 'scandal'

**Post Knesset Correspondent**

Likud MK Ariel Weinstein complained yesterday that the government's failure to transfer departments from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem was "a scandal, which required thorough inquiry."

Speaking in the Knesset Interior Committee, Weinstein said the Treasury had spent millions of shekels on renovating a building at the corner of Mamilla and David streets in Jerusalem, to house the Agriculture Ministry, which is due to be transferred from Tel Aviv. But the building was given to the Education Ministry, which was already installed in other buildings in the capital.

**REFLECTORS.**—More than 100,000 reflectors are to be distributed to school children in Jerusalem in the next few days, as part of the city's campaign to prevent traffic accidents. The reflectors are worn by pedestrians out in the dark.

## HOME AND WORLD NEWS

## Knesset buzzing over presidential nominees

**By ASHER WALLFISH**  
**Post Knesset Correspondent**

The Knesset was rife yesterday with speculation about the likely candidates to replace President Yitzhak Navon in May, with attention centering on two favorites, National Religious Party's Yosef Burg, who is minister of the interior and of Religious Affairs, and the Alignment's MK Shlomo Hillel, a former police minister.

Circles close to Burg confirmed that the minister's stated willingness to stand, provided both the Likud and the Alignment sponsor him, reflects his reluctance to "leap in the dark." The vote in the Knesset plenum for the election of the president is by secret ballot. These circles said that Burg would not wish to risk a defeat.

NRP personalities identified with Burg's Lamifine wing of the party were busy all day yesterday, closeted with politicians as well as

journalists.

Hillel told journalists that although he was not a candidate of the Alignment at this point, he had been asked to stand by MKs from the Alignment as well as from coalition factions. He said he was sorry that Navon did not wish to continue in office.

If Hillel is nominated he could count on 59 votes (50 Alignment, four DFPE, three Tami and two Shinui) for a start, which would leave Burg with an absolute ceiling of 61.

**Liora Moriel adds:**  
Elihu Nawi, mayor of Beersheba, has been suggested by a number of local citizens as a possible candidate for president. Nawi was out of town yesterday and could not be reached.

Deputy mayor Yeshaihu Zamir noted that Nawi had studied in Jerusalem with Navon and that they have many characteristics in common.

## Knesset fails to note Hitler anniversary

**Post Knesset Correspondent**

Labour MK Shevah Weiss complained yesterday to Speaker Menahem Savidor that the Knesset was one of the few parliaments which failed to mark the 50th anniversary of Adolf Hitler's accession to power in Germany.

Weiss noted that seven motions for the agenda marking the event had been disallowed by the presidium on the grounds that there was no room in the week's agenda.

"It is strange that a Jewish parliament in a Jewish state should demonstrate such obtuseness towards such a colossal issue," Weiss wrote Savidor.

## SHAMIR

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progress in the talks but certainly the progress has been very slow," Shamir admitted. "The United States played a helpful role in determining the agenda. And we have already managed to agree on various formulations."

Shamir said that Israel would not withdraw its insistence on some security presence in Southern Lebanon, designed to ensure the safety of the northern border. He said that the multinational force, like UNIFIL, was not geared to protect Israel's security because it was not a fighting force.

When asked about the call to the Soviet Union issued last week by Sharon, Shamir said: "Public pronouncements do not help in this respect. Obviously we do not have our sights fixed solely in one direction."

At the start of the session, Shamir raised the question of leaks from the committee which he believed caused damage to the national interest.

Accordingly a subcommittee was appointed to study ways of preventing leaks, headed by the chairman Elihu Ben Elissar, Micha Harish and Danny Rosolio (Alignment-Labour) and Geula Cohen (Tehiya).

## Advance British unit arrives in Lebanon

**BEIRUT (AP).**—An advance unit of 22 British soldiers arrived here yesterday to join the multinational peacekeeping force.

The British, led by Lt. Col. John Cochrane, landed at Beirut International Airport in a Hercules C-130 Royal Air Force plane after a stopover in Cyprus.

Cochrane said the British troops, who will total 100, will stay here for three months.

## Motorist remanded in IS3m. hashish haul

**Jerusalem Post Reporter**

**BEERSHEBA.**—The motorist in whose car Dimona police found 72 kilos of hashish, yesterday was remanded in custody here for a further 13 days.

The motorist, Yitzhak Levi, of Tel Aviv, is said to be cooperating with the police. Another person has been arrested in connection with the drug discovery.

Dimona policemen on Friday night stopped Levi at a routine roadblock and found the hashish in the trunk of his car.

The hashish is, according to Dimona police commander Rav-Pakad Amos Dahari, the "best quality" Lebanese hashish. Dahari said the hashish is worth IS3 million and probably belongs to a well-organized gang.

## Basketball results

**Post Sports Reporter**

**TEL AVIV.**—Hapoel Ramat Gan lost 85-82 to Nashua den Bosch in a European Basketball Cup winner's cup contest last night.

The Dutch team needed the victory to continue in the competition, from which Hapoel has already been eliminated. After trailing 24-14 at one stage, Hapoel steadily improved, but ran out of time. Or Goren headed the scoring with 22 points.

## Eight riot in Tel Aviv courtroom

**TEL AVIV (Itim).**—Eight persons accused of threatening the owner of a restaurant near the Tel Aviv bus station, yesterday rioted in District Court here, smashing chairs and tables before they were subdued.

The eight had assembled before District Court Judge David Wallach, who told them they would be held in custody until the end of their trial. They then ran amok in the courtroom until police reinforcements arrived and took them away.

The eight are: Ya'acov Yosef, Perez Aharoni, Haim Haviv, Albert Perez, Rafi Perez, Perla Avigal, Asher Levi, and an unnamed minor.

## Knesset anniversary

**Post Knesset Correspondent**

Past and present Knesset members yesterday marked the 34th anniversary of the founding of the Knesset at a gathering in the building's Chagall Hall, and viewed film clips of events in the Knesset over the years compiled by the Israel Film Service.



Officiating yesterday at the first wedding at Joseph's Tomb in Nablus in 80 years was Kiryat Arba leader Rabbi Moshe Levinger (second from right). The bride was Behirah Lebaw, a new immigrant from France, and the bridegroom was Haim Parg.

## Wazzan, Arafat hold talks

**TUNIS (AP).**—Lebanese Prime Minister Shafiq Wazzan and Palestinian Liberation Organization leader Yasser Arafat conferred for 90 minutes yesterday on the withdrawal of the remaining Palestinian forces from Lebanon.

It was their first meeting since Arafat moved the headquarters of the PLO from Beirut to Tunis following the Israeli invasion of Lebanon.

The Lebanese prime minister said he did not discuss a timetable for a Palestinian withdrawal with Arafat, but concentrated on "general questions of principle" concerning such a pullout.

He did not indicate whether any agreement was reached or if any decisions were taken. He said discussions would continue.

## Jordanian to be tried first in Greece

**ATHENS (AP).**—A Jordanian student wanted by Italian authorities for suspected involvement in the attack on the Rome synagogue last year must first stand trial in Greece, Greek Justice Minister George Mangakis said yesterday.

Abdel Osama Al-Zomor, 22, was arrested in November at the

## North Korea on 'war' alert

**TOKYO (AP).**—North Korea said its army and militia forces were put under a rare "semi-war state" alert yesterday to coincide with the start in the south of Team Spirit '83, a major U.S. South Korean military exercise.

The North Korean Central News Agency (KCNA) said the alert was issued by the supreme commander (President Kim Il-Sung) of the Korean People's Army and would continue until April, the period of the "enemy's joint military exercise."

The exercise, the eighth in the annual training effort, will involve about 188,000 military personnel, including 70,000 Americans, and is officially described as the largest in the non-Communist world.

North Korea has regularly criticized the joint maneuvers as a threat to peace in the Korean theatre, while South Korea and the U.S.-backed UN command in Seoul maintain that they are defensive.

Meanwhile, South Korea charged yesterday that a North Korean fighter airplane violated its airspace off the Korean peninsula's west coast on Monday.

## Two more air-quality sites for Ashdod

**By MARGERY GREENFIELD**  
**Jerusalem Post Reporter**

The electric corporation has started setting up two more air-quality monitoring stations in the area around the Ashdod power plant, following talks with the Health Ministry.

The two stations, which will start operating within the next two months, will use a computer model for weather forecasting that will alert the power station when to switch over to low-sulphur fuel.

Yehuda Gat, the director of the corporation's environmental quality department, told *The Jerusalem Post* yesterday.

## 19 killed in Egyptian train crash

**CAIRO (AP).**—A speeding train bound for Alexandria from Cairo smashed into the rear of a stationary one in the Nile Delta at dawn yesterday, killing 19 passengers, a railway spokesman said.

The spokesman, quoted by the state-controlled Middle East News Agency, said 45 passengers were injured and hospitalized.

Both were passenger trains. The stationary train carried some troops in addition to civilians. The other, known as the "Press Train" because it was taking early newspaper editions to the Delta, carried civilians.

## PIERRE JEMAYEL

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from the central mountains to a 45-kilometre security zone in Southern Lebanon and leave the Christians to fend for themselves against the Moslems.

Jemayel said he had urged Sharon to realize that Israel should respect Moslem-Christian coexistence, and rejected his claim that the Lebanese president was taking orders from Saudi Arabia, Syria and the Palestine Liberation Organization.

"I told Sharon that Amin takes orders only from Lebanon, works only for Lebanon's interests and will never jeopardize the interests of Lebanon," Pierre Jemayel said.

"I told Sharon it is in your interest not to partition Lebanon. The Lebanese interests dictate that we (Lebanese) stick together — not with Syria, not with the Palestinians and not with Israel," Jemayel added.

Sharon's statements also drew sharp retorts on Monday from Ambassador Antoine Fattal, Lebanon's chief negotiator in the troop withdrawal talks.

"If Sharon wants to withdraw unilaterally, we will not plead with him to stay," Fattal said in Haifa.

## 151 securities advance in latest market rally

**By JOSEPH MORGENSTERN**  
**Post Finance Reporter**

**TEL AVIV.**—In a performance similar to last Thursday's stunning rally, shares advanced yesterday on a broad front, with 151 securities advancing by margins of more than 5 per cent.

Many issues were up by 10 per cent. In addition, 19 securities were established as "buyers only," and their price was automatically hiked by 5 per cent, without any trading taking place.

"Some 1 million employees received cost-of-living increments that were over 21 per cent. Some wage-earners received 80 per cent more than they did the preceding month. Some of this extra money was channelled into the share market," stated the securities adviser in the main branch of one of Tel Aviv's commercial banks.

Bank Leumi announced yesterday that in addition to the conventional three, six and 12 month deposit periods for local residents' dollars, the bank was adding durations of deposits of four, five, seven and eight months.

Following yesterday's session, caution was again being suggested by more than a few securities advisers. "Last week's rally was overdone, and an immediate correction followed it. Today's strong rise could well be followed by a setback," stated one adviser.

For the time being, however, the unpleasant statistics covering last month's stock-market performance were forgotten. These indicated that the general share index, commercial bank shares, excepted, fell by more than 20 per cent.

The index-linked bond market returned to its normal lacklustre performance as prices edged slightly higher on a reduced trading turnover of somewhat more than IS280m.

The shekel was devalued by 13 agorot in relation to the dollar.

## Row over illiteracy report

**Jerusalem Post Reporter**

**TEL AVIV.**—About 5 per cent of seventh-graders arrive at junior high school unable to read and write, Dr. Karni Yosev, principal of the Herzliya Gymnasium, said yesterday.

Yosev was responding to a Kol Yisrael report yesterday morning claiming a study discussed at a secret meeting of the Knesset Education Committee showed that one out of every five thirdgraders does not meet minimum standards in reading and arithmetic and cannot go on to fourth grade.

The study, which Education Ministry officials claim was reported inaccurately, also alleged that children in the top seventh-grade class at the Yarden School in Tel Aviv's Hatikva quarter could not do third grade arithmetic.

According to the radio report, the researcher, Dr. Yosef Bashi, recommended to the Knesset Education Committee that schools in which there are a large number of children under grade level should be closed. Others at the secret meeting are supposed to have suggested it might be a good idea to change the teaching staff at the Yarden school, or at any other school with a poor showing.

Education Ministry Director-General Eliezer Shmueli said tests given at the end of the previous academic year showed that 94 per cent of third-graders passed reading comprehension tests where the texts were informative, and 89 per cent passed reading comprehension tests requiring understanding of more complicated stories. In arithmetic, 96 per cent passed the test, he said.

## French cabinet minister expected in Haifa tonight

**Jerusalem Post Reporter**

**HAIFA.**—French Interior Minister Gaston Defferre, who is also mayor of Marseilles, is due to land at the Haifa airport after midnight tonight for a 40-hour friendship visit to this city.

The visit, the first of a French minister since the cooling of relations because of the war in Lebanon, will mark the 20th anniversary of the twin city agreement between Haifa and Marseilles.

The visitor, a senior member of President Francois Mitterrand's cabinet, will arrive in a French government Mystere 20 jet. He will be accompanied by his wife Edmonde Charles-Roux Defferre, who is an author, and a part of eight, including representatives of the Marseilles Jewish community headed by the city's chief rabbi.

Mrs. Defferre's book, *To Forget Palermo*, which won the Goncourt Prize, is being translated into Hebrew for publication by Am Oved.

Defferre and his party will be met at the airport by Mayor Arye Gurel. Defferre, 72, is a stalwart of the French Socialist Party. He has held cabinet posts in previous governments and has been a longtime deputy for his district. During World War II, he was a commander in the Resistance and has been decorated for his actions.

## DISPUTE

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this outright" and that the Lebanese position was "encouraging inasmuch as it showed they mean business" regarding the border-opening.

**Yigal Bichon adds from Netanya:** "We are 30 kilometres from Tel Aviv, in Netanya in Israel," the Lebanon radio reporter told listeners yesterday, and then went on to describe the city and the atmosphere in which the Lebanese-Israeli talks were taking place. As to the subcommittee talks held here, he said: "No progress."

The spokesman for the Israeli delegation, Avi Pazner, said that it had been decided not to publish communiques about the subcommittee talks, but only about the plenary sessions, held in Haifa and Kiryat Shmona.

"As long as there's no agreement on everything, there's no agreement on details," he said. "Today we talked about everything."

He said the Americans were contributing when asked but that the talks were mainly between the Israelis and the Lebanese.

## Socialist mission to meet Begin and Shamir today

**Jerusalem Post Reporter**

The high-level Socialist International mission visiting Israel will meet today Prime Minister Menachem Begin and afterwards with Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir to hear at first-hand of Israeli policies.

The mission's mandate is "to prepare the position on the Middle East to be adopted by the Socialist International at a congress to be held in Sydney, Australia in April."

The mission, led by former Portuguese premier Mario Soares, has already visited Lebanon and Jordan, and will fly from here to Tunisia to meet with the PLO leader Yasser Arafat.

Its schedule today includes sessions with West Bank leaders and a look at Jewish settlements in the area.

## Uganda restoring Asian assets seized by Amin

**KAMPALA (AP).**—Uganda's president Milton Obote said yesterday that he has signed into law a bill aimed at returning property seized from Ugandan Asians by the regime of Idi Amin.

Members of the Socialist International's Middle East fact-finding mission, which is headed by Mario Soares, vice-president of the Socialist International, and former Portuguese prime minister, are: Bert Carlsson, secretary-general of the Socialist International from Sweden; Jacques Hamzinger, international secretary of the French Socialist Party; Remy ter Beek, Dutch Labour MP, chairman of the Dutch Parliament's Foreign Relations Committee; Louise Budez, MP of the Danish Social Democratic Party; Ivanka Corti, international secretary of the Italian Socialist Democratic Party (PSDI); Giuseppe Scamali, international secretary of the Italian Socialist Party (PSI); Rae Mattea, international secretary of the Portuguese Socialist Party; Walter Hacker, international secretary of the Austrian Socialist Party; and Bayard Rustin, leader of the American Social Democrats.

## Tomato exporters like local market

**By YITZHAK OKED**  
**Jerusalem Post Reporter**

**TEL AVIV.**—Tomato exports have dropped about 90 percent during the last three weeks, according to Agrexco's vegetable department, because the weather has prevented the tomatoes from ripening. But according to tomato-grower Eddie Peretz of Sede Nitzan, the reason is that the farmers are earning nearly double by selling to the local market instead of exporting.

Uri Shimoni, head of the vegetable department at Agrexco, told *The Jerusalem Post* he believed the drop in exports was due mainly to the weather, but he would not rule out the possibility that some tomatoes slated for export were reaching the local market.

"We are not police and cannot watch over every grower. But if we do catch any grower who has signed a contract to export selling to the local market, he will be severely punished financially," he said.

The price of tomatoes has recently gone up considerably because local supply cannot meet the demand. Again Shimoni blamed the weather. But he promised that if the sunny weather continues there will be plenty of tomatoes both for the local and export markets.

Peretz told *The Post* that his tomatoes and those of several other growers working with him are being sold through Agrexco to the U.S. for excellent prices, about \$8.60 for a 2.8 kilo box, compared to about \$2 for a similar weight of Florida tomatoes.

The administration and the Teachers' Association of the Waltham Barbour American International School express their sincere condolences to their colleague

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A bus will be at the disposal of those wishing to attend.

Husband: Max Petruschka  
Children: Miriam and Eli Kahn  
Yoram and Talia Petruschka  
Grandchildren: Ronit, Noa, Orli, Doron, Roy  
Great-grandchildren: Ofer, Amir

To Meir Max Petruschka  
To Yoram, Miriam and their families

We share your grief at the passing of

**KATE**

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Former Portuguese prime minister Mario Soares (right) at the plenum of the Knesset yesterday. He is visiting Israel as head of a delegation of Socialist International. (Yitzhak Hurari)

## Sir Alan Cunningham dies at 95

Sir Alan Gordon Cunningham, the last British high commissioner in Palestine, died in London on Monday. He was 95.

Cunningham was born of Scottish parents in Dublin on May 1, 1887. He was a professional soldier who served with the Royal Artillery in World War I and played an important part in the liberation of Ethiopia and Libya during World War II.

He was appointed high commissioner and commander-in-chief of Palestine and high commissioner of Jordan on November 9, 1945, in succession to Field Marshal Viscount Gort.

Cunningham arrived here on November 21 when the Jewish community was intensifying its struggle for free immigration.

His first action was to lift the curfew imposed on Tel Aviv and the main highways. But Cunningham was unable to change either British official policy or Jewish resolve, to fight it.

He left Palestine on May 14,



The last British High Commissioner for Palestine Sir Alan Cunningham talks with Jewish Agency Chairman David Ben-Gurion during the final years of the mandate.

1948 aboard the HMS Euryalus, ending almost 28 years of British civil administration.

Cunningham was subsequently knighted in London. (AZ)

## Sixth Fleet buys supplies in Haifa

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — The U.S. Sixth Fleet supply ship USS San Diego arrived yesterday to purchase fruit, vegetables and dairy products to supply the fleet in the Mediterranean for a month. The supplies will also reach ships lying off Beirut to back up Marines stationed here, the San Diego commander, Capt. John Doolittle, told *The Jerusalem Post*. The San Diego, which has a com-

plement of 450 men, is accompanied by the military sealift ship, USNS Sirius, which is manned by some 100 civilians. They will stay in Haifa for six days, following a three-day visit to Alexandria. During their stay many of the men will tour the country's holy and tourist sites.

On February 10, another Sixth Fleet sealift ship, the USNS Pawcatuc, is due to visit Haifa.

## UN troops still at 49' Lebanon border

By YACOV FRIEDLER

HAIFA. — A UN force is still "observing" the armistice demarcation lines between Israel and Lebanon which were determined under the 1949 cease-fire, even though the border has become theoretical since the Israeli invasion of Lebanon last June.

The existence of Observer Group Lebanon was spotted by *The Jerusalem Post* in the weekly UNIFIL news summary put out by its spokesman, Timor Goksel.

He reported that the chief of the group, Lt.-Col. Leggett, from Australia, handed over command to Lt.-Col. P. Bond of the U.S., at a ceremony held in Nakoura.

The Observer Group Lebanon is part of the UN Truce Supervision Organization (UNTSO) and is now under control of UNIFIL. It comprises 65 officers from 15 countries, including Argentina, Australia, Chile, New Zealand and the U.S. in addition to those countries with contingents in UNIFIL.

Goksel told *The Post* that from

## JERUSALEM POST POLL

### Most Israelis disapprove of arms sales to dictatorships

By MARK SEGAL  
Post Political Correspondent

TEL AVIV. — Most Israelis believe Israel should refrain from selling arms to racist and dictatorial regimes, with the rest divided between those ignoring the internal nature of the purchasing country and those who feel that Israel should sell arms only to democracies. Asked specifically about selling arms to Argentina, a clear majority of the public approved.

These are some of the findings of a *Jerusalem Post* poll conducted by the Modi'in Ezrachi research institute conducted among a sample of 1,929 adults at the end of December and the first week of January.

Q. In general, should Israel take into account the kind of internal regime of the country to which it sells arms (or other services)?

	All Respondents	Pro-Likud	Pro-Labour
Sell to any country irrespective of regime	27.5	32.8	23.2
Don't sell to racist and dictatorial regimes	35.2	34.0	36.4
Sell only to democracies	27.9	26.0	32.0
Undecided	9.4	7.2	8.4

Q. "Are you for or against selling arms to Argentina?"  
For — 53.8 p.c.; against — 29.1 p.c.; undecided — 17.1 p.c.  
The members of the sample were not told that Argentina was ruled by a military dictatorship.

## Lebanese tourists becoming fixtures on Israeli scene

By HAIM SHAPIRO  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Coming in small, but steady numbers, Lebanese tourists to Israel have become almost imperceptibly a fact on the local scene.

Robert Yedid, head of reservations at the Tel Aviv Diplomat Hotel, where a large number of the Lebanese stay, yesterday told *The Jerusalem Post* that at any given time, there are a few dozen Lebanese staying in the hotel. Yedid, who is of Lebanese origin, makes a point of greeting them when they check in.

At first, he said, they arrived in buses on organized tours, but now they usually arrive in private cars, although they still enjoy a special

package deal from the hotel. The Diplomat also makes a special effort to give them Middle Eastern cuisine and specially prepared Turkish coffee, he said.

He also noted that the Lebanese link, developed because of his connections with the Israeli commercial office in Beirut, has become more personal. Often he goes out to dinner with the Lebanese guests and directs them to night clubs he feels they would enjoy.

Although most of those coming from Beirut are Christians, he said, there are also many Moslem guests from Southern Lebanon. As for their spending habits, he is quite content.

"Money is no object for them," he said.

## Occupational health centre opens in Tel Aviv

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The western world is in the midst of a "chemical explosion" and a good number of these chemicals cause cancer, either within a short time or after decades, Prof. Shimon Gitter said yesterday. He was formally opening the Institute for Occupational Health, which is jointly sponsored by the Tel University Sackler School of Medicine and Kupat Holim. Gitter heads the new institute.

"Some 25 of these chemicals — such as lead, quicksilver or asbestos — are known to be carcinogenic; another 70 to 80 are high on the suspect list," he added, noting that other "chemicals can cause many other serious ailments."

Other speakers described the development of occupational health medicine, whose importance, they said, was assuming ever greater importance.

## Girl found murdered

REHOVOT (Him). — A girl, "of about 20, was found stabbed to death in a citrus grove near Yavne yesterday. She was known to the police."

A special police squad has been set up to investigate the killing.

PRUNING. — Starting next Monday, and continuing every Monday in February, there will be instruction in pruning at the Jerusalem Rose Garden. The lessons will last two hours and start at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. There will be a token fee and rose devotees are asked to bring clippers and gloves.

## Israeli guides get Roman Catholic diplomas

By HAIM SHAPIRO

More than 100 Israeli tourist guides, the last of three such groups, yesterday were given certificates from the Roman Catholic Church stating that they have received special training to enable them to take groups of pilgrims through the Holy Land.

The guides had participated in a three-day seminar at Jerusalem's Notre Dame Centre, with lectures by members of the Catholic hierarchy in Israel. Arranged by the Israel Tour Guide Association and the church, without the aid of any government body, the certificate will, it is hoped, put an end to a situation in which more and more groups were touring the country

without local guides. The situation was a result of an impasse last year in which the Tourism Ministry had insisted that all groups of pilgrims must have Israeli guides. Seeing this as a threat to the freedom of the holy places, the church strongly objected. In the resulting "compromise", the government agreed that groups of bona fide pilgrims could tour with their spiritual leader only.

Speaking at yesterday's ceremony, Monsignor Richard Mathes, the director of Notre Dame, said that while he insisted on the principle of pastors leading pilgrims, he realized that it was, in fact, a question of livelihood for the guides. The centre now had on file a list of all the guides who had a basic understanding necessary for guiding

Catholic groups and who had shown their open-mindedness by attending the course.

The lectures included detailed explanations of Christian sites around the country, explanations of Catholic theology and even ways of answering pilgrims who asked their Jewish guides why the guides did not accept Jesus. Mathes called for a continuation of the dialogue and promised that a week-long study session in greater depth would be held for a small number of graduates of the seminars.

Yosef Grau, chairman of the Tour Guide Association, told *The Jerusalem Post* that the situation had become critical because unprincipled tour organizers had utilized the compromise with the church to

cut costs by eliminating the guides. Some agents had even begun quoting prices with and without local guides.

He said that he was confident that now appropriate guides were available and church groups would begin using them. Already the certificates were being used as a selling point to market tours to Israel abroad, he said.

In a related development, the Tourism Ministry has confirmed that because of the lack of work for guides, the courses in guiding which were planned to begin in October in Jerusalem and Tel Aviv will not be held. Until now, interested candidates were told the courses would take place as usual. About 90 students were to have taken part.

## Jewish-Arab centre lacks funds to operate

ACRE. — Beit Kedem in Acre, one of two joint Jewish-Arab centres in the North, has ceased its cultural and social activities because of a

lack of funds. The centre's management said its deficit increased in 1982 and now stands at IS600,000.

## Sergeant jailed for smuggling videotape

TEL AVIV (Him). — An Israel Defence Forces sergeant-major was sentenced to 21 days in jail for smuggling a videotape from Lebanon.

The videotape was found at the man's home by the military police who searched the premises after receiving a report.

The judge said that Israeli soldiers are endangering their lives by establishing contacts with Lebanese civilians to smuggle goods, and the practice had to be stopped.

But, he said he was taking into account that the accused has a wife and three young children to support.

## UJA leaders tour Lebanon

METULLA. — A group of 150 United Jewish Appeal leaders yesterday toured Lebanon in the company of IDF officers who explained the military situation. They were guarded by a large IDF force.

In the evening the leaders visited private homes in Upper Galilee where they stayed overnight. They will tour Galilee today.

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AACI Association of Americans & Canadians in Israel

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(Further details in Friday's paper.)



President Yitzhak Navon congratulates veteran journalist Michael Assaf yesterday on the occasion of his 88th birthday while Tel Aviv University President Haim Ben-Shahar looks on. Assaf is doyen of Arab affairs journalists. (Simonsky, Israel Sun)

## Religious bloc to return to Beersheba coalition

Jerusalem Post Reporter

BEERSHEBA. — The four members of the religious bloc in the municipal council here are expected to rejoin the coalition at the council's next monthly meeting.

The four were at odds with the coalition over a number of issues, but the final straw which caused them to send letters of resignation

to Mayor Eliahu Nawi last week was the production at the municipal theatre of David Hare's play *Plenty* which includes nude scenes.

Although the nudity will not be removed from the play, there will be compromise over the other issues, which include funding of religious institutions, religious education and control of Shabbat work permits.

## COVENANT

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said that no more Jewish settlements should be built beyond the Green Line, and none enlarged, until after an Israeli-Palestinian peace treaty.

"We are fighting for our national rights, and that means above all for our land," he said. "The more Jewish building there is, the more land must be confiscated from us, and that's an obstacle to peace."

Nasser said, however, that after a treaty Jews could remain in the new state, "just like Arabs in Israel."

Meanwhile, Defence Minister Ariel Sharon, during a tour of the West Bank yesterday, was told by civil administration and military government officials that some 200 villages in the area were now members of the village league.

## Money, clothing collected for Palestinian refugees

Jerusalem Post Reporter

NAZARETH. — Jewish and Arab residents have contributed millions of shekels for Palestinian refugees in South Lebanon. The Scout movement has collected several thousand pairs of new shoes, clothing and stoves from Jewish and Arab schools, mostly in the North. The organizers yesterday asked the government to permit them to transfer the goods to Lebanon.

In western Galilee members of the public committee for Lebanon on Sunday started to collect money from Arabs to be used to acquire schoolrooms for Palestinian pupils studying in tents in the Ein Hilwe refugee camp near Sidon.

## 'Too little done for mental health'

By MARGERY GREENFELD  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Health Minister Eliezer Shostak yesterday said that great strides have been made in many areas of Israel's health-care system, but progress in the field of mental health has not reached the desired level.

Shostak was addressing the annual national conference of Eran, the Israeli association for emotional first aid, which operates an emergency telephone answering service for emotionally distressed people in five cities (Jerusalem, Tel Aviv, Beersheba, Haifa and Netanya).

Speaking to several hundred volunteers and members of the newly founded Friends of Eran, Shostak

said: "I feel a bit guilty when I stand before you, because there is much to be done in the mental health field that hasn't been done."

"I'm happy that Eran is filling part of that vacuum," he said, promising that the ministry "would do its best to help the group's progress within our limited resources."

To mobilize more support and funds for Eran both locally and abroad, the friends organization was established about six months ago. Dr. Yehuda Pardo, one of the founding members, told *The Jerusalem Post*.

Former MK Shmuel Toledano will head the friends' organization for a year on a full-time volunteer basis, it was announced.

## Israeli Arab leaders regret Navon decision

By YOEL DAR  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

NAZARETH. — Israeli Arab leaders are sorry that President Yitzhak Navon has decided not to seek a second term.

The kadi of Acre, Sheikh Mohammed Hubeishi, said Navon has set a good example for the Middle East. "Arab rulers and presidents do not hesitate to use force to preserve their high posts," he said. The chairman of the National Committee of Arab Local Councils, Ibrahim Nimr Hussein, said Navon knows how to maintain close relations with the Arab population.

The Druse spiritual leader, Sheikh Amin Tarif, said Druse like Navon for his integrity and his readiness to help them solve their problems.

Other Arab dignitaries said Navon is "the best candidate" for signing peace treaties with the Arab world.

Unlike his predecessors, Navon has visited Arab and Druse villages on the eve of their holidays. His predecessors used to invite religious leaders to Beit Hanassi on such occasions. Navon is the first president who speaks Arabic fluently and generally Arabs are proud to hear him use their language. His prestige soared after the Beirut massacre in September, because he was one of the first Israeli leaders to condemn the massacre and call for a public committee to investigate it. The Druse recall that Navon immediately responded to their request to ask the government to protect the interests of their co-religionists in Lebanon.

## Beersheba pupils slam state of classrooms

Jerusalem Post Reporter

BEERSHEBA. — About 300 ninth-graders from comprehensive high school Gimmel marched to the city council offices yesterday and held a peaceful sit-in to protest against the condition of their school building. They said that when it rains, water enters the classrooms through holes in the roof.

A delegation of the pupils met with Mayor Eliahu Nawi.



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## STATEMENT OF CONDITION

December 31, 1982

ASSETS:	(In Thousands of Dollars)
Cash and Due from Banks	\$ 9,308
Interest Bearing Time Deposits with Banks	145,105
Securities	62,290
Federal Funds Sold	44,500
Loans, Net	154,427
Other Assets	13,858
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ 429,488</b>
LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY:	
Demand Deposits	33,916
Time and Savings Deposits	306,934
Borrowed Money	54,128
Other Liabilities	9,105
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>404,083</b>
Capital Notes	8,000
Capital Stock	5,033
Paid in Capital	6,967
Undivided Profits	5,405
<b>TOTAL STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY</b>	<b>17,405</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY</b>	<b>429,488</b>
Standby and Commercial Letters of Credit	36,144



## First deaths reported in Nigeria's mass exodus

LAGOS. — At least one person was drowned in a frantic struggle by thousands of desperate Ghanaians to board two ships sent to take them home after their expulsion from Nigeria, shipping officials said here yesterday.

But Accra radio, monitored by the British Broadcasting Corporation, said several people had been drowned in the rush.

In Geneva, the senior UN refugee agency reported that 10 persons have died of starvation after an exhausting overland trek through two countries. "They were exhausted, walking through Nigeria and through Benin," Leon Davico, a spokesman for the UN High Commissioner for Refugees said.

The two ships arrived from Accra Monday night, just before Nigeria's deadline for the departure of two million illegal aliens, half of them Ghanaians, ran out at midnight.

The vessels left yesterday morning after dramatic scenes in the port, leaving behind at least 4,000 Ghanaians who said they had no money to pay for food or for the journey home by road.

The officials said they could confirm only the death of one woman, who fell into the harbour during the mad scramble to board the ships.

The departure of the second vessel was delayed for hours as officials

pleaded with several hundred passengers to disembark because it was dangerously overloaded for the 15-hour trip to Accra.

One Ghanaian, who fought desperately but unsuccessfully to board the ship, said he had seen luggage being tossed into the harbour. But he said he did not know whether this was to lighten the load or to persuade people to return to the dockside.

Those left behind said they would remain at the port and wait for the ships to return. They said sanitary conditions at the docks had improved with fewer people there and that the price of food, which previously skyrocketed, had come down.

Only a few people were leaving on trucks yesterday for the overland trip back through Benin and Togo.

Although the Nigerian government's deadline for the departure of unskilled and unemployed workers ran out at midnight Monday, skilled and professional people have until the end of this month to leave. (Reuters, AP).

**CHOLERA.** — Four people have died of cholera and 39 others hospitalized during the past few days near Morogoro, 193 km. west of Dar-es-Salaam, radio Tanzania reported yesterday.

## Reagan call for meeting rejected by Andropov

MOSCOW. — Soviet leader, Yuri Andropov, yesterday rejected President Ronald Reagan's call for a meeting at which they would sign an accord banning all U.S. and Soviet land-based, medium-range missiles.

In an interview released by Tass news agency last night, Andropov also said Reagan's proposal showed that Washington was not taking a serious approach to the East-West nuclear arms issue. "There is nothing new" in the president's suggestion, he said.

But he said he was in favour in principle of a summit meeting, as long as it was for different purposes.

Andropov, in the interview to be published in the party daily *Pravda* today, said the U.S. leader's proposal boiled down to a call for Moscow to agree to the so-called "zero option" solution on East-West medium-range nuclear forces, and the Soviet Union had already firmly rejected this.

President Reagan was thus setting preconditions for a summit meeting which he knew in advance were unacceptable, he added.

In West Berlin yesterday, U.S. Vice-President George Bush urged the Soviet Union to "seize the moment" and accept Reagan's invitation to sign an agreement banning all medium-range nuclear weapons.

Bush acknowledged at a press conference that the offer Reagan made on Monday was not really new and that the Soviets had already refused to dismantle all their medium-range nuclear rockets.

But, Bush said, "that is no reason that we should not in Geneva be pounding away" to try to get the Soviets to accept the U.S. proposal.

The president's offer to meet Andropov was intended to promote progress at the existing nuclear disarmament talks in Geneva, Bush said. Reagan's statement "narrows such a meeting to one clear purpose, and that is banishing a new generation of nuclear weapons from the face of the earth."

This seemed to indicate that prior agreement to abolish the weapons was a condition for the summit, though Bush did not rule out extending it to other matters.

Bush ended his visit to West Germany yesterday and arrived in the Netherlands to face some tough talking over NATO nuclear missiles, an issue which has deeply divided the Dutch. (Reuters, AP)

## Shultz to China after Japan visit

TOKYO (AP). — U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz embarks tomorrow on a fence-mending mission to China after praising the leaders of Japan for efforts to make "operational reality" promises to bolster defences and further open Japanese markets.

John Hughes, the State Department's chief spokesman, said Shultz succeeded in two days of talks here "to pave the way" for specific market-opening negotiations expected later this month during a visit by trade negotiator William Brock.

"One thing that has become clear from the talks that the secretary has had is that there is movement and follow-through on promises and agreements" made during the Washington visit last month by Japanese Prime Minister Yasuhiro Nakasone.

Shultz is scheduled to fly to Peking for a round of meetings with China's leaders.

## Salvador rebels overrun large industrial city

SAN SALVADOR (AP). — After a fierce two-day fight, leftist guerrillas overran the eastern industrial centre of Berlin Monday night taking control of a city where 30,000 people live.

It is the biggest city they have fought for so far in El Salvador's civil war.

As journalists watched, guerrillas made a last call for troops based at the national police headquarters to leave their garrison in the city centre, then set the building ablaze with bazooka fire.

National guard and civil defence units based in the city had fled earlier.

A Red Cross spokesman in Berlin estimated 40 civilians died in the fighting, including six killed during bombing raids by Air Force A-37 "Dragonfly" fighters.

Bombing and strafing runs by the U.S.-made jets levelled the town market and other buildings, journalists returning to the capital from Berlin Monday evening said.

**WARM.** — With an average temperature of 5.2 degrees Centigrade, January 1983 was the warmest since temperature readings began in 1775, a Vienna meteorological station reported yesterday. Vienna's longtime January average is minus 1.6 degrees Centigrade.

## Civilians hurt as Viets attack Kampuchea

BANGKOK (AP). — Vietnamese troops, supported by tanks and heavy artillery, struck again yesterday against two non-Communist Kampuchean resistance groups while some 30,000 Kampuchean civilians huddled next to an anti-tank ditch after being driven from their sprawling encampment, Western sources said.

The sources estimated that between 50 and 100 non-combatants had been wounded in two days of fighting, but could not determine the number of dead. A spokesman for the International Committee of the Red Cross said 48 of the wounded had been evacuated to Khao-I-Dang, a nearby refugee camp.

Vietnamese forces attacked and

## Bulgaria releases Turk held in attack on pope

VIENNA (AP). — A Turk implicated in the shooting of Pope John Paul II has been released from detention in Bulgaria, but has not been allowed to leave the country, according to a statement from the Bulgarian prosecutor obtained here yesterday.

Bekir Celenk, who is wanted for smuggling in Turkey, was placed "under government control" in Sofia in December after Italian newspapers published reports that he was involved in the attempted assassination of John Paul on May 13, 1981.

In a meeting in a Sofia hotel, Celenk offered his countryman Mehmet Ali Agca \$1.25 million to kill the pope, according to the reports based on Agca's statements.

Celenk has denied the allegations. Agca is serving a life prison term for the shooting.

The statement by Prof. Konstantin Lyutov, the Bulgarian prosecutor, said Celenk "was placed under the control of the competent Bulgarian authorities so as to make it possible to clear up questions connected to charges that he was involved in the attempt on the life of the head of the Roman Catholic church."

It did not say exactly when Celenk was released from "preliminary detention" or where he had been held. But it said an article in the nation's criminal code calls for release of criminal suspects after 10 days if no evidence is presented against them.

## Violence flares in U.S. truck strike

NEW YORK (AP). — Violence escalated overnight in a nationwide strike by independent American truckers when one man was killed and another wounded by snipers in unrelated shootings, authorities said.

A third driver was in critical condition after being wounded by a sniper, and a teen-ager suffered a fractured skull when a brick batted off a tractor-trailer into her family's car.

Violence and acts of sabotage in 10 states marked the first day of the protest against higher fuel taxes and user fees and brought business to a crawl at many truck stops.

However, the dispute apparently

had little immediate impact nationwide on food and factory goods shipments.

An official of a truckers association said up to 70 per cent of the independent drivers were participating in the strike. The government estimated only 20 per cent were taking part.

Just how many trucks actually shut down was difficult to judge. While many truck stops from coast to coast reported that business was dead, others said traffic was normal.

Independent drivers represent less than 15 per cent of the trucks on the nation's highways, but they haul 90 per cent of the fresh food, most of the household goods and half of the nation's steel.

## Nightly power blackouts in Kabul

ISLAMABAD (AP). — Nightly power blackouts persist in Kabul one month after Moslem insurgents sabotaged a hydro-electric power plant on the city's outskirts, western diplomatic sources here said yesterday.

They said supply still falls short of demand and that many areas of the capital are still without electricity for much of the day.

Some districts go for weeks without receiving any power at all, said the sources, quoting diplomatic cables from the Afghan capital.

Meanwhile, only women will sit for Kabul University entrance exams this week because most male students are to be conscripted into the Afghan army, the diplomatic sources added.

## Wind, rain batter British coast

LONDON (AP). — Gale-force winds battered much of the British coast yesterday, sending giant waves crashing over sea walls and flooding streets, houses and shops.

Western Scotland took the brunt of the storm, but police reported flooded roads elsewhere in Britain as Monday's snowstorms gave way to torrential rain.

In Morecambe, Lancashire, a resort on the northwest coast, five

people, including a policeman, were hospitalized after high waves swept over a promenade sea wall, flooding the town. Cars and boats were tossed about by the tide.

Four of the injured were rescued from a house fire caused by flood water reaching electrical wiring. The policeman was trapped by rising waters as he struggled to reach stranded homes near Morecambe town hall.

## Tension between Mexico, Guatemala

MEXICO CITY (AP). — President Miguel de la Madrid met with cabinet officials Monday to discuss growing tensions along Mexico's border with Guatemala, the presidential press office said.

The meeting followed a cross-border raid last Wednesday by about 100 armed men on a refugee camp in the southern state of Chiapas. Four Guatemalans were killed and another was kidnapped.

## Kreisky to discuss Mideast with Reagan

VIENNA. — Austrian Chancellor Bruno Kreisky left yesterday for an official visit to the U.S. and will meet tomorrow with President Ronald Reagan.

High on their agenda will be

questions concerning East-West relations and the Middle East. Washington and Vienna have had long-standing differences over Kreisky's approach to the Arab-Israeli conflict.

## Man charged in Jewish club bombing

SYDNEY (Reuters). — Police yesterday charged a man of Lebanese origin with planting a bomb at a Jewish club in Sydney.

They arrested Mohamed Ali Beydoun in raids in Sydney's southern suburbs after the bombing of the club and the Israeli consulate on December 23.

Four other men and a woman are

being questioned.

One bomb wrecked the consulate, injuring two persons, and the second went off five hours later in the car park of the suburban Hakoah club but no one was injured.

Beydoun, 32, a naturalized Australian, was remanded in custody until February 8 and no plea was entered.

## Sports

### Armeli the hero

NETANYA. — Zhai Armeli, the Israeli Olympic team's Arab striker, scored in the first and last minutes of the team's friendly match against Grasshoppers of Zurich yesterday, thereby gaining his side a 2-2 draw with the Swiss First Division team. The 25-year-old Shifra star was outstanding for Israel.

Referee Yitzhak Ben-Yitzhak awarded the visitors a very dubious penalty in the second half, enabling them to draw level at 1-1. This so upset the local side that they were soon a goal down. But Armeli earned them a very creditable draw. They played much better than they had last week-end in Eilat, when they lost to Servette of Switzerland 1-0.

### Egyptian tops squash seeds

By JACK LEON  
Post Sports Reporter

HERZLIYA. — Egyptian Mousa Helal has been seeded No. 1 in Israel's first professional squash tournament, which starts next week at the luxurious new Herzliya Squash Centre. London-based Helal, will be only the second Egyptian sportsman to compete in Israel to date, following tennis player Aly Eldawoody in 1981.

Seeded behind Helal in the 64-men's draw are leading British players John Easter and Peter Verrow, and South African Springbok Trevor Wilkinson, Israel Squash Racket Association heads Avraham Albe and Derek Moss told the *The Jerusalem Post* here yesterday.

The women's draw is headed by English star Angela Smith — ranked third in the world last year — and her ranking compatriot Jane Ashton.

A total of 170 players from some 10 countries have entered the week-long meet, part of the squash Rackets Professional Association's world-wide international circuit.

## No coaches

By DON GOULD  
Post Basketball Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Maccabi Haifa, playing without a coach, and in danger of relegation, fought like hungry dogs to upset play-off-bound Ahva Haemek 87-76 in a shock league basketball encounter in the bay city. Ahva, also minus a coach, found themselves out-rebounded by the smaller players from the Haifa club, and clearly outclassed in the shooting department. Micha Rav, the Maccabi manager, and Chochoo Lederman from the youth league took over Maccabi, while Josie Harari handled Ahva. Gregg Cook led the Haifa attack with 34 points, and Boaz Yanai was the best for the losers with 26. As a result of this great victory, Maccabi move up to 10th place in the league.

Coach Arieh Maliniak and his Hapoel Holon squad threw everything in the basketball book at Maccabi Tel Aviv, but, unfortunately for them, Maccabi appeared not only to have read the book, but even to have written most of it. Holon's well-drilled team tried everything — from fast breaks to slowdowns, from zone presses to man-to-man defence. But they were worn down by Maccabi's expertise and lost 97-75. Mickey Berkowitz had an exceptional night, scoring 29 points, as did Earl Williams. Mike Carter led Hapoel with 25 points.

In other league action, second placed Maccabi Ramat Gan gained a home victory over Hapoel Haifa in a match marked by no fewer than 25 fouls, most of them committed by the visitors, who lost four men through personal fouls. The league's leading scorer, Doron Janchik, scored 33 points for the winners, while Barry Liebowitz got 23 for the losers.

Andy Walker scored 26 points in Hapoel Tel Aviv's 93-71 win over Hapoel Gan Shimon, who blew a half-time lead, as they have done often this season.

### Tennis upsets

Post Sports Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Elton Sini the No. 2 seed made an early exit from the opening tournament of the International Tennis Federation all-stars winter tennis circuit here, going down 3-6, 4-6 to a second round loser, in the second round.

The Israel Tennis Association is arranging the circuit for the country's top 40 men players — Shimon Glickstein excepted. It comprises a series of three events, each lasting two weekends, divided between Tel Aviv, Ramat Gan and Jerusalem.

Ex-Davis cup rackets Yair Wertheimer and

Jim Sherr — both seeded — caused two more second-round upsets by beating seeded opponents. Wertheimer edged Steve Rosenberg 6-4, 6-7, 6-3, while Sherr came through 6-3, 7-5 against Mennah Toun. Top-seeded Shimon Perles and No. 3 Tommy Frischer reached the quarters without a match.

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# Free to be me

Sasha Sadan finds leaving the family has compensations.

"I WANT YOU," says my son. He is only two-and-a-half, and this is his very first sentence. Something to marvel over. But we are talking by phone, long-distance, and his mother has no intention of coming home.

He is in Jerusalem and dear old Mum, fighting off guilt, is in Netanya, studying Hebrew for a month. Under the layer of guilt is one of shame. Twelve years in the country and she still can't read a newspaper in the language.

Under the shame — if you can get that far, and it is not easy — is anger. Probably any working mother, who day after day finds her life drawn and quartered by work, children, shopping and washing, not to mention the thousand other tasks, builds up anger inside.

For this one, there is an added factor. Her husband is a television reporter. That means he is rarely home for supper or to put the children to bed, and that for too many years, she has been identified socially and always introduced as the wife of you-know-who. How angry this made her, nobody knew — including herself.

Like a low-grade infection, it had a debilitating effect though its symptoms were few — some sharp-edged jokes and some horrible marital spats, ostensibly over other issues like who is pulling her weight in household chores.

Last summer, you-know-who studied Arabic at Upan Akiva. He suggests then that Mum do something about her Hebrew, go to the ulpan for a month. Who will take care of the children, she asks. I will, he says. It should happen to him, she thinks, and starts making plans for a sabbatical leave from

work. This is twice postponed because of children's interests.

Meanwhile, she talks about the importance of really being able to speak the language and to read it. A solidly respectable aspiration, almost laughable in the modesty of its target.

Who will take care of the kids for a month is the first response of everyone at work, except for one woman who says, "Good idea." The environment was not, as they say in America, supportive.

Upan Akiva offers courses in spoken Arabic and Hebrew. The Hebrew course runs from one month to five, depending on your ignorance and your stamina. The ulpan, a collection of bungalows, sits on the grounds of the Green Beach Hotel, about 20 minutes by bus from Netanya. If you choose to live-in, you have access to a pool, tennis courts, sauna and the Mediterranean.

The winter day I arrived, it rained and everybody went to bed early since there was no electricity.

That's the way it is with adventures — you always get more and less than you bargained for. The teaching staff at Upan Akiva is impressive: everyone positively glowing with satisfaction about how much he or she was learning. There are lectures from visiting experts and organized sing-alongs, folk-dancing and afternoon coffee, if you go in for organized anything.

I was more interested in what seemed like a secret life. Afternoon naps, solo outings to downtown Netanya and the soaring effect of being accountable to absolutely no one for your time. What a high.

Another factor — which sounds silly, but isn't — was that every

night there was a deep, super-hot bath to enjoy. A pampering of a flesh and cleansing of the spirit. You can think about a lot of things if you get the water hot and deep enough. Not much chance when you share the boiler's output with a yekke husband and three small kids.

This bath business is also a function of finding time for yourself. Suddenly I did. The hotel towels seemed magical. The calluses produced by Israeli summer and sandals disappeared. I began pushing back the cuticle on my fingernails, and this led to an investment in and use of hand-cream, and even make-up.

By force of circumstance, I observed how my room-mates dressed. None of the whatever-is-handy-and-clean system. They actually matched items. I took a crack at it. There's no reason why those nitwitting women's magazines can't sometimes get a handle on truth, and when you look better, you feel better, etc.

I had two room-mates. Jackie comes from England and is a reporter for Kol Israel's English programme. Lovely bone structure and a knack for talking to people. She and I fall into excruciatingly personal conversations about men, sex and the everlasting battle to love and be loved.

Shehinda is an Arab, a high-school teacher of Arabic. At 39, she

is just surviving a tragedy. Her husband of eight years had died of a heart attack. No children. What did your husband do, Jackie asks.

Shehinda takes time to answer. She might be searching for the English, but she is just reaching for the important truth. He liked to laugh and he liked to garden, she says.

A revelation of an answer. Shehinda, it seems, does not automatically think of people in terms of what they do, meaning a professional tag or one's position in the marketplace, one's job and title. How unlike me and the people I usually meet — which ties in with the major importance of Upan Akiva as an institution, besides the Hebrew and the Arabic.

It's a place where Jews and Arabs get to meet on neutral grounds, each facing a foreign language, and since you study, eat and live together, you can get beyond the exchanging-polite-smiles stage. I was all for this since I think that most Israelis (meaning Jews) don't see the close to 700,000 Arabs who are bona fide citizens of this country. Even if you argue that they are not second-class citizens, you leave yourself wide open to the charge that you speak from a "they" and "us" approach.

It's that kind of mental discrimination that betrays the speaker, no matter how liberal his

or her sentiments. The few Arabs I had talked with, and the Jews I know who do have relatively intimate contact with Israeli Arabs, all seem to take discrimination by Jews as a given fact. You can justify this on some very real grounds — security, cultural differences, the attitudes of Israelis who come from Arab countries, etc. But it seems to me that the discrimination doesn't stop there.

Shehinda is not an Israeli Arab. She comes from the territories. She was born and grew up in Jerusalem and lives less than a two-minute walk from my flat. But if Upan Akiva hadn't made the introduction, we never would have met.

Not that I liked all the Arabs I met, or all the Jews. There were people who irked me for various reasons. Shulamit was one.

Once cannot mention Upan Akiva without speaking of Shulamit Katznelson. She founded it and is still running it, an intelligent, dynamic and kindly person who has created a remarkable brainchild. She certainly won't let anyone forget it.

That first afternoon of introductions, Shulamit not only asked everyone to give a few details about himself or herself, but insisted on knowing where each and every one of us had heard about the ulpan.

No doubt, she wanted to know whether the advertising was work-

ing. But when that question gets asked more than 30 times, it leaves you with the suspicion that she never gets tired of hearing how her "baby" is praised throughout the land. The kind of Israeli showing-off that makes me cringe when foreign visitors are listening in.

The ulpan did draw people from more than a dozen countries. A fascinating mix, just what you want for adventure. And thinking along those lines, it occurred to me that the ulpan might be a great place for hanky-panky. Nor was I the only one who came to this conclusion.

Also at the hotel during my month were slews of workers from the Israel Electric Corporation, there for one-week seminars. Like me they were in an unattached state and though my receiver is a bit rusty, I was getting signals. Maybe it was the new beauty routine.

My "sin" was devouring a whole bar of expensive, fattening chocolate one afternoon. There were also the beers I ordered a few times for a swinging half-hour before dinner. (This is a woman who used to think twice about the expense of buying the kids a bag of Bisti. It's good to get away.)

One of those beers I downed in the company of four men, who zeroed in on my every comment and every turn of my head, and I played up to them, rolling my eyes and feigning amusement at all remarks. It's pretty awful to realize that playing at being "womanly" in certain social settings is just like being a trained seal.

Not that I belong to that group who identify themselves as feminists. Those I have met are too bitter for me, blaming society for what has gone wrong in their lives.

They always talk about how oppressive society is for women. Bunk. It's just as oppressive for men and children of both sexes.

Everybody lives with a wall of social expectations around him or her, and it's not those that block you in. The really hard ones to crack through are the ones you put up yourself, or so I saw in one flash of insight, when I exploded over a bowl of soup at lunch. Much to the surprise of the other soup-eaters, I started railing about being the wife of you-know-who, and how much I hated that tag.

"I'm me," I exploded, not that any of the soup-eaters was interested. A few more hot baths and I realized that the only person who identified me solely as dear old Mum was yours truly.

The ulpan changed that with the sheer pleasure of learning, of using your head. Forgot about that.

You can forget about or set aside a lot of things once you get back into the pressure cooker, the drawn-and-quartered life of a working mother. Unless you remind yourself.

For me, at first, there was some help. The children not only survived without me, but got to know you-know-who better, and they were proud of me for studying their mother tongue.

That sort of thing fades. There are many promises to myself that I haven't been able to keep. Some, I know, will have to wait. But that is an attitude to fight.

I put off bathing the kids for a day, turn on the hot water tap, pull out a bar of fragrant soap and lather up with the grandest plans, not for when the kids grow up, but for now. That's living.

THE TECHNION, Israel's Institute of Technology, has always been considered more of a "male" university, than other of the country's universities.

But in fact, a quiet revolution has been taking place on its handsome Mount Carmel Campus: Today women make up 24 per cent of the Technion's student body, most of them concentrated in the fields of architecture, computer sciences, biology, chemistry, mathematics and industrial engineering.

On the staff, however, women account for only 1.3 per cent — or just nine women — of the 700-member faculty. One of these women is Dr. Rahel Becker, senior lecturer and researcher in the civil-engineering faculty. Even in our era of sexual equality, a woman in a senior position teaching building sciences — her specialty — is still quite a rarity. At a recent international congress in Lisbon, she was one of only two female participants (the other one coming from the University of Istanbul).

A mother of three, 36-year-old Becker, married to senior Technion faculty member, Moshe Becker of the Road Safety Centre, told *The Jerusalem Post* in an interview that she had an inclination toward science from her schooldays. Excelling in mathematics and physics,

Becker took the science stream in high school and considered it a natural step to go on to study at the Technion.

She says she chose civil engineering because, at the age of 18, she "naively believed" that building was a blend of the scientific with the artistic — somewhat like architecture, which Becker considered "too much plastic art, where I would lose my scientific bent." The Army authorized her at that point to start as a member of the "Atuda," who do their national service after graduation, but in her case, it didn't work out as she was the mother of twins by then.

In Becker's freshman class of 120, there were over a dozen women, half of them newcomers from Rumania where it is quite common for women to be civil engineers. The others were Israeli-born and "all of them are working in the trade," she notes. Becker met her husband in a philosophy class — one of the obligatory "liberal arts" courses the students took.

After graduation, she worked for a year on the planning staff of the Ashdod oil refineries, where she says she encountered no difficulties on account of being a woman. But research, more creative and varied than the routine planning of structures appealed more to Becker and

## Woman of Note (2)

# Scientifically minded

One of nine women on the 700-member Technion faculty, Dr. Rahel Becker tells *The Post's* Ya'acov Friedler of her enthusiasm for building, which combines both technical and human qualities.



(Yair Nubari)

she went back to the Technion to study for her Master of Science degree. "I tend towards the technical (aspects of building structures), but prefer the link with the human beings who will be using the buildings," she explains.

When her husband went to the U.S. for advanced studies in 1971, Becker took the opportunity to work toward her doctorate in applied mechanics and engineering sciences at the University of Michigan; she was awarded the degree three years later.

Becker has been on the Technion faculty since 1975 and heads the Performance of Building Systems department. She believes in stressing "an overall view of building quality — especially in the planning stage." This includes taking into account a building's structure, durability, thermal and acoustic performances, and fire-proofing, as well as damage-prevention, and the health and safety of the occupants. Her department checks out specifications of new building systems for housing, examines the

performance of modular building systems for small industries, and has been active in checking the properties of "light buildings" constructed with timber and asbestos, and plaster-of-Paris.

"We believe these are all right for Israel, provided they are adapted for our specific climatic conditions and are properly maintained," she says. "We believe in a thorough check before new systems are adopted in order to avoid accidents and mistakes." She says she is confident that a building collapse, such

as the one that occurred in Tyre and cost the lives of 75 Israelis, "can't happen here."

Her department mainly does applied research, and the bulk of Becker's own research is actually implemented by Israel's building industry.

Managing a career and a household has been possible for Becker because of "maids, nannies and day creches. I wouldn't want to stay at home and it hasn't been very difficult," she says.

"I wouldn't want to give up either the children or the career. I lost perhaps three to five years in the advancement of my career because of the children, and the children lost a little, too, by having mother away at work so much, but I would not do it differently if I had to start all over again."

"If I had been only a mother," she adds, "I would have been frustrated and probably not a good mother as a result."

While as a lecturer, Becker has a fixed class schedule, her work as a researcher allows her considerable flexibility, so that she can cope with problems that crop up suddenly at home in most cases.

Throughout her career, Becker says she has never encountered any sexual discrimination. "That perhaps is why I'm not an active

feminist. But I do support some of their demands — such as equal opportunities and equal pay."

"At the Technion, I have had no opportunity closed to me because I am a woman, and as far as I know, I get equal pay, so there is nothing to push me into the feminist movement."

She has got used to the raised eyebrows when she first faces a freshman class, many of whom do not expect to be taught by a woman. Gallantly she confides that "when I was quite a bit younger the students used to wonder markedly whether I was one of them" but now she is accepted as their teacher without fuss.

However, Becker does believe that she, as a woman, emphasizes different aspects of building research, giving a special touch, for instance, to organizing research teams.

While building is a very conservative profession with few stunning changes, she is pleased that it has, nevertheless, accepted women as a matter of course. "Often when I refer to a manual, I find the author to have a female name," she says. Even at the congress where only two women attended among dozens of men, Becker says, "I didn't feel we were different."

HARDLY A month goes by without the popular press carrying an article on the effects of television viewing on our children — always lamenting the negative effects of excessive violence, the encroachment into study and work time, and the general passivity of sitting and watching, as compared to acting and doing.

The impact of television is unquestionably great. But the contention that it breeds generations of illiterates, nurtures crime, and is generally more hurtful than helpful, should certainly be questioned. The severe judgements against television programming sound well-reasoned and scholarly, but are damned difficult to prove.

Since most of the articles I've read create a lot of heat but shed little light, I went to the literature to see which of the many contentions about TV are fact and which are theory. And what does any parent need to know about his or her child's TV viewing?

In general, except for reading, parents tend to view all amusements defined as "passive play" — in which children derive enjoyment from the activities of others, such as while reading, listening to radio or records, seeing movies or watching TV — as a waste of time. While it is certainly true that amusements contribute little to building social skills

and nothing at all to building strength and physical competence, they are, nevertheless, an important part of any child's life and learning. And TV, without question the most prevalent amusement enjoyed by all of us, has more influence for both good and bad than most other ones combined.

However, what seems obvious is not always provable or measurable according to social research. The following information was gleaned from a large number of research attempts — most of them from the U.S. or U.K. — and I've chosen those which seem not only well researched but those which will have relevance to our situation in Israel.

**Fact:** TV is the major factor responsible for reducing sleep-time, homework time, and social-interaction time, among family members. Often important information that needs sharing within the family is delayed ("Wait until the programme is over"), or even forgotten until it is too late to give it more than cursory attention.

**Fact:** Speech patterns of articulation, pronunciation, and grammatical usage are improved by TV which has a greater impact on the standardization of colloquial or sub-cultural speech than the classroom. But TV does not affect the organiza-

# Watch with mother

All in the Family  
Eleanor Harris



(Iraida Talby)

tion and the presentation of the child's thoughts. (This is strictly a function of intelligence.)

**Fact:** TV offers an expanded choice of role models for career choices. The visual input into a child's expanded knowledge is more immediate and more inclusive than what he or she can gain from reading, at the age level where reading skill lags behind comprehension.

**Probable but unproven:** The stereotyped presentation of many moneymen TV characters encourages generalizations about ethnic and social concepts that are not realistic.

Repetitious presentation of brutality and violence (even in cartoons) desensitizes the viewer to cruelty, and can cause a blunting of the values which parents try to instill.

There is much debate and some agreement — but no hard proof — that TV is responsible for lowered academic achievement, poor reading skills, and increased crimes of violence. (I remember very scholarly debates about whether gruesome fairy tales were a factor in emotional problems, or whether playing "cowboys and Indians" and "cops and robbers" with make-believe guns educated one for real war.) What can be proved and

measured is the kind of children which become the most persistent TV viewers.

1) Given unlimited opportunity, the younger the child, the greater the time he or she will choose to spend in front of the TV.

2) At all ages, boys tend toward greater habituation with the tube than girls.

3) Poor kids spend more hours with the TV than rich kids. (Don't fall into the trap of assuming that it is only because the rich have more opportunity for spending leisure time.)

4) In all age groups, more intelligent children spend less time with the TV than slower ones.

5) Good students (not to be confused with children who are of superior intelligence, but simply those who get greater satisfaction from school activities), spend less time at the TV than poor students.

6) Children who have many friends spend less time with TV than children who are not as popular with their peers.

7) Children with personal adjustment problems spend more time watching TV (and also listening to the radio and records), than well-adjusted children.

These facts, taken all together, seem to indicate that how much the TV affects the child is less a function of the television than it is a function of the type of child who is watching it. And by working backwards, a parent, by watching his child's TV behaviour, might get some valuable insight into his child's specific needs and make-up.

Since TV is a fact of life, parents will want to know how to help their children cope with the TV intelligently — to exploit its potential for good and minimize its potential for evil.

Of course, one can limit TV use, or even prohibit it. But to my mind, given the limited viewing time and the general excellence of our children's programmes, the best thing to do is to participate. Especially with the pre-school

viewer, it is important once in a while that you drop everything and spend 15 to 20 minutes watching the tube with your child — firstly, in order to have a common frame of reference for the things your youngster wants to share with you, and more importantly, to be available to interpret things which a young child could easily misunderstand and misinterpret.

The exciting, the frightening, and the wildly hilarious need to be put into the proper perspective of "for make-believe," and "for fun only." Even a four-year-old watching the cartoons, which I dearly love, despite their obscene cruelties and calamitous hijinks, needs to be told that "proper" ducks never behave so badly! Also, the older child or adolescent needs the assurance that sex, brutality, and outrageous feats of derring-do are enjoyable precisely because they are gross exaggerations of life and not a model for living.

And watching TV with your children, or arranging with your children to watch TV with friends, is a good thing to do because of the important fact that the emotional impact of even the most outrageous or frightening programme is diminished when viewed in company with others.

Today editor: Joanna Yehiel.

## ENTERTAINMENT

### TELEVISION

**EDUCATIONAL:**  
8.15 The History of Erez Yisrael 8.40 English 9.05 Spoken Arabic 9.30 English 7.30 Ma Pilon 10.10 English 10.25 Literature 10.45 Nature 5-6 11.05 Math/Geometry 5.11.20 English 6.10 English 9.10 Science 9.12.13.15 English 9.16.20 Those Were the Days 16.30 Pretty Butterfly 17.00 A New Evening — live magazine club  
**CHILDREN'S PROGRAMMES:** live weekly discussion and entertainment show  
**ARABIC-LANGUAGE programmes:**  
18.30 News roundup  
18.35 Kid's Club  
18.45 Inventions and Innovations  
19.00 Between Citizen and State  
19.30 News  
**HEBREW PROGRAMMES resume at 20.00 with a news roundup**  
20.05 The Religious Volunteers in the Second World War  
20.30 Lookout Point — bi-weekly science and technology magazine  
21.00 Mahat Newsweek  
21.10 Minked — weekly interview programme  
21.15 Skokke — Drama exploring the

meaning of freedom in America when Nazis select a predominantly Jewish area of Chicago for a rally. Starring Danny Kaye and Eli Wallach  
00.05 News  
**JORDAN TV (unofficial):**  
17.40 (Arabic) 18.20 French Hour 18.20 UTV 7.30 Richie Rich 18.40 UTV 3.30 Amazing Animals 19.00 News in French 19.30 News in Hebrew 20.00 News in Arabic 20.30 News in English 20.30 World News 21.00 News in English 22.15 Play of the Week

### ON THE AIR

**First Programme**  
6.11 Musical Clock  
This Morning — news magazine followed by Morning Melodies  
6.05 Bizi: L'Aristotele, Suite No.2 New York. (Barnetel). Mozart: Clarinet Quintet K.581 (Yona Ellinger, Tel Aviv Quartet). Ravel: Mendelssohn: Symphony No.3 (Hamburg, Berlin)  
10.05 Rachmaninoff: All-Night Vigil. Op.37 (Russian Academy)  
11.00 Sephardi Traditions

**Second Programme**  
6.12 Gymnastics  
6.22 Agricultural Broadcasts  
6.30 Editorial Review  
6.54 Green Light — drivers' corner  
7.00 This Morning — news magazine  
8.05 First Thing — with Ehad Manor (Institute of Philharmonic)  
Dvorak: Sonata for Violin and Piano, Op.100 (David Chen, Hanoah Greenfield)  
13.00 An Hour with conductor Eugen Jochum — Mozart: Symphony No.41, K.551; Schubert: Symphony No.8 (Boston Symphony)  
14.10 Children's programmes  
15.25 Notes on a New Book  
16.05 From the Creator's Workshop — Bartok: writes his Concerto for Orchestra 17.00 Talmud lesson  
17.30 Introduction to the Oral Law  
17.35 Programmes for Olim  
20.05 Everyman's University  
20.35 Testimonium 1983 — The Jerusalem Symphony Orchestra, Thomas Baldwin conducting — Hans-Joachim Hespos: Pleak, for Wind Orchestra; Mark Kopytman: Chamber Scenes from the life of Suskind von Trimbberg (Emily Berendson, Mira Zakai, Gabi Sadeh, Yaron Windmueller, Boris Carmeli and Eyal Baron) (live broadcast from the Jerusalem Theatre)  
22.20 Avraham Melamed, violin, with Rima Nudelman, piano — Handel: Sonata No.6; Poulenc: Sonata; Brahms: Sonata. Movement-Scherzo  
00.10 Jazz

**Third Programme**  
11.05 Musical Requests — with Shira Gera  
12.05 Israeli Winter — with Eli Yisraeli  
13.05 One and to the Point — midday magazine  
14.05 Two Hours — music, anecdotes, interviews and reviews  
15.05 Four in the Afternoon — Hebrew songs  
17.05 IDF Evening Newsweek  
18.05 Foreign Affairs Magazine  
19.05 Music Today — music magazine  
20.05 Foreign Language Hit Parade  
21.00 Mahat Newsweek  
21.35 University on the Air (repeat)  
22.05 Popular songs — Ya'akov Agmon interviews a famous person  
00.05 Night Birds — songs, chat with Eli Mohr

**EASY HEBREW BROADCASTS**  
First programme: News daily at 6.54 a.m. (Saturday 7.04) News and features daily at 5.35 p.m.  
**CINEMAS**  
**JERUSALEM 4, 7, 9**  
Eden: Young Doctors in Love; Edna: E.T. 4.6.45.9; Mir: Good Luck; Mitchell: Husband's Little Secret; Orion: A Policewoman Called Lavinia; Orion: Man With the Deadly Lens 4.6.45.9; Orion: Firefox 4.6.30.9; Ron: Biggest Battle;

Samir: Red 8; Blayenel Ha'mama; Taron: 7.9; Cinema Ose: Sound of Music 5; Dora Flor and Her Two Husbands 7.30.9; Cinema: The Southerner 7.30.9; Tropic 9.30.

**TEL AVIV 4.30, 7.15, 9.30**  
Albany: Return of the Soldier; Ben-Yehuda: Potemkin 4.30.7.30; Cinema 1: E.T. 4.30.7.30; Cinema 2: Missing 4.30.7.30; Cinema 3: Ragtime 6.30.9.15; Cinema 4: Bedouins and Broomsticks 6.30.7.15.9.30; Cinema 5: The Moon 4.15.7.30; Cinema 6: Shoot the Moon 4.15.7.30; Dora Flor and her Two Husbands 10.30.1.30; Cinema: One Escape from Alcatraz; Cinema Two: closed; Dora: Still of the Night 7.15.9.30; Drive-In: Author! Author! 9.30; Sex film 12.15 midnight; Cinema: Looker; Cinema: Victor Victoria 4.15.6.30.9.30; Cinema: Tempest 7.30.9.30; Harry and Tonto 5; Holi: Mother Love; Lev It: Night of San Lorenzo 1.30.4.30.7.15.9.30; Lev It: Hamlet 1.30.4.30.7.15.9.30; Cinema: Cat People 4.30.7.30; Cinema: Don't Give a Damn About Officers; Megalit: Young Doctors in Love; Orion: A Little Sex; Paris: She Dances Alone 10.12.4.30.7.15.9.30; Peer: Long Way Home; Shalom: Private Popsicle 4.30.7.15.9.30; Studio: Deer Hunter; Teletel: From Mao to Mozart; Tel Aviv: Ben-Lite Warehouse in Texas 4.30.7.30; Tel Aviv: Megalit: Tree of the Wooden Clogs 6.9; Zafon: King of Comedy

**HAIFA 4.6.45.9**  
Amami: King of Comedy 6.45.9; Amphitheatre: The Glove; Armon: E.T.; Atzmon: A Policewoman Called Lavinia 4.6.9; Cinema: Ten Commandments 4.8; Galar: Zebra Force 10.2.6; Dynamite 12.4.8; Mariah: Just You and Me Kid 6.45.9; Oran: Tempest 6.15.9; Orion: Love the Rain 10.2.4.9; Orion: Victor Victoria 6.45.9; Peer: Ragtime 6.9; Ron: Lemon Popsicle 4.6.30.9; Shiri: Long Way Home; Keren: Oran: A Star is Born 6.45.9; Taron and the Tiger 4  
**RAMAT GAN**  
Armon: Sea Wolves 4.7.15.9.30; Lily: Return of the Soldier 7.15.9.30; Oshes: Missing 7.9.30; Nushi: Ark 4; Orion: Private Popsicle 7.15.9.30; Ramat Gan: Le Cadeau 7.15.9.30; Rik: Hamacabla; Paper Moon 7.15.9.15  
**HERZLIYA**  
Tifert: Little Sex 7.15.9.15  
**NETANYA**  
Edna: Private Popsicle 7.9.15  
**HOLON**  
Migdal: French Lieutenant's Woman 7.30.9.30; Brave Detective Schwarz 4.30; Savy: Ben-Lite Warehouse in Texas 7.30; Bruce Lee's Deadly Strike 4.30  
**RAMAT HASHARON**  
Star: Blue Lagoon 7; Taron: New York Adventure 4; Prince of the City 9.30



## Jerusalem Capital Studios ready for 2nd TV channel

By JUDY SIEGEL

Jerusalem Capital Studios, the first of several TV production companies in the city, is "ready" to broadcast and produce programmes for a second TV channel, according to studio director Shmuel Shiloah.

At a press briefing yesterday, Shiloah, who joined the firm over a year ago after a long Foreign Ministry career, said all the companies in the field are eagerly awaiting a government decision on the second channel. Because of the political nature of the matter, and because of disagreements on the second channel between Education and Culture Minister Zevulun Hammer and Communications Minister Mordechai Zipori, such a decision has been delayed.

"We don't know how it will happen, who will get the rights, what law will be passed, or how to prepare for it," he said. But Shiloah added that his company, established by millionaire Leon Tamman, "is ready to do it if we get the rights to

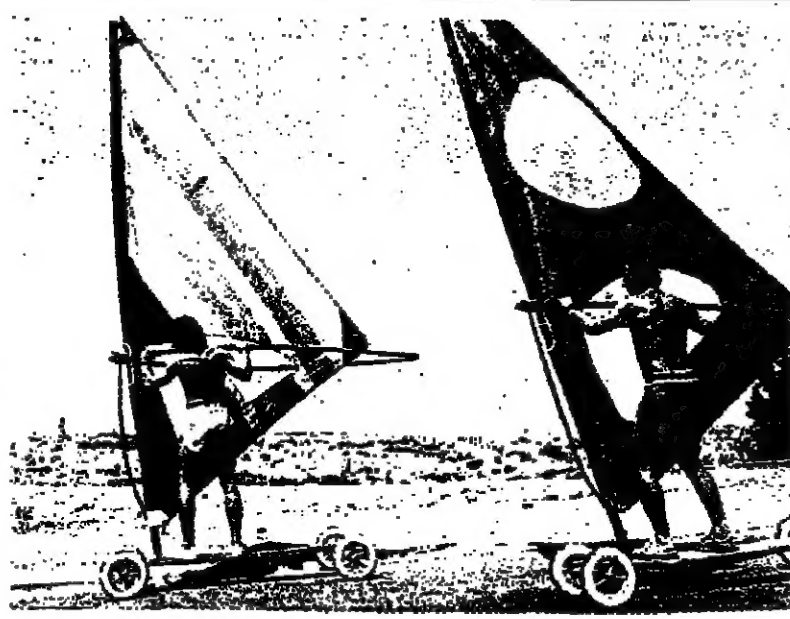
produce and broadcast, or part of them." According to the studio, no other private production firm in Israel is able to broadcast TV programmes over the airwaves.

The company, in which Tamman (who was recently knighted by the Queen of England) has invested almost \$4 million, made its first profits in 1982, after three years in operation. It boasts "the most advanced equipment" in Israel, including a \$280,000 device that transforms celluloid film into electronic messages on tape. It also has a standard converter that makes American TV programmes technically usable in Israel and vice versa.

Some of the company's profits last year were due to demands for foreign correspondents in Israel for production rooms and services for coverage of the Lebanon war.

The studio exported \$1.5m. worth of programmes last year, and expects to reach \$2m. this year.

Among its new productions are



The Mount of Olives is the unlikely site for filming this pair of muscular windsurfers against a Jerusalem background.

Jerusalem à la Carte, a pilot programme expected to grow into ten shows on ethnic cooking in Israel. The first show, on Bukharian food, and hosted by the Jerusalem Plaza hotel's chef Shalom Kadosh, was taken abroad for sales. Shiloah

says that many American TV stations and cable companies express lively interest.

The company also produces films on settlement, industry, agriculture, and Zionism for the United Jewish Appeal and Keren Hayesod.

## Discount invested \$8.3m. last month

By MACABEE DEAN  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Discount Investments has spent \$8.3 million expanding its portfolio since the beginning of the year, the company has announced. It concentrates 77 per cent of its holdings in sophisticated industries, such as Scitex, Elbit and Elscint.

Its exports (through companies where it has equity) increased by 15 per cent to \$201 million during 1982 — mainly due to the sale of the products of these three companies abroad. During the past five years exports have increased on an annual average of some 32 per cent.

Investments during January were in a company which is developing a

replacement for insecticides; a software computer firm, and in stepping up exports of Rav-Bariah, in which Discount Investments has invested \$3 million. The company last month further invested in building a sports centre and swimming pool in Petah Tikva; in a firm which produces building iron (\$1.25m.), in Elscint (\$2m.), and in Scitex (\$1m.).

On the other hand, the company has sold its interest in Herbelon Synthetic Fibres for \$1m.

ADVISER. — The fifth local office of the prime minister's adviser on Arab affairs opened in Hadera yesterday. It will deal with the problems of the Arab villages in the Little Triangle.

## Customs being computerized

By YITZHAK OKED  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The customs service is becoming more and more computerized, and from April 1 exporters and importers will no longer be able to submit documents in person but will have to use computers. Mordechai Bareket, the director of customs, explained to members of the Federation of Israeli Chambers of Commerce at a recent meeting.

According to Bareket the increased use of computers will make customs more efficient and work will be streamlined. He pointed out that with the use of computers information will flow faster from the

customs to the ports, the forwarders, carriers, banks and insurance companies. Most of the paper work will be done between the computers of the various bodies, and goods will move in and out of customs that much faster.

He also said that one of the proposals now before the customs authorities is establishing a central customs house, which will enable the service to do more work with fewer people. By the end of the fiscal year, on March 31, the customs will have collected a total of about 1560 billion, Bareket added.

Avner Ben Yaker, the president of the Federation of Israeli Chambers of Commerce, said he viewed the computerization of customs in a positive light. The chambers of commerce would install a terminal hooked up with the customs computer, he said.

## Employment situation seen stable

By CHARLES HOFFMAN  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The stable situation in the labour market that has existed since 1981 is expected to continue at least till mid-year, according to the head of the Employment Service, Baruch Haklai.

At a press conference yesterday at which employment figures for 1982 were released, Haklai noted that an average of 31,000 work-seekers registered with the service each month and that about 12,000 of them were unemployed at least six days during the month.

The monthly averages for 1981 were 34,562 work-seekers and 14,497 unemployed six days or more.

During the last half of the year the service took on the extra job of screening applicants for income maintenance to determine if they were capable of working. Starting with about 2,400 of these cases each month, the number reached over 3,800 applicants by January, or about 11 per cent of those registered. (These applicants are not included in the above monthly averages.)

While the overall number of work-seekers dropped since 1981, the number of academically-trained job-seekers rose to 10,000 for the entire year, up from 8,700 since then.

The figures also showed a jump in the number of those who turned

down jobs offered by the service, rising from 1,583 a month in the second quarter to an average of 2,300 in the last quarter. Related to this was a rise in the number of workers from the administered territories. These workers were brought in to fill job orders that Israel either rejected or were not available to fill. Their number rose from a monthly average of 47,420 in 1981 to 53,760 in 1982.

Compared to 1981 there was a drop last year in both requests for workers by employers and referrals of workers to jobs by the service. Yet there was a rise in the number of jobs unfilled either by Israel or workers from the territories, from an average of 2,460 per month to 2,600.

## 'Chance' of housing shortage by midyear

By AARON SITNER  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Despite a glut of unsold new flats on the private housing market at year's end, there is a "reasonable chance" that a shortage of such flats could develop by the middle of this year.

That is the opinion of Binjamin Kandler, economist-statistician for the Federation of Contractors and Builders, who bases his prediction on new housing start figures.

In a survey prepared for his organization, Kandler points out

that only 15,100 new housing units built by private contractors were sold last year. This represented a 25 per cent decrease from sales during the previous year. As a result, there was a record inventory of 10,850 unsold housing units on builders' ledgers at the end of last December.

The sales picture was especially bleak in Jerusalem, Tel Aviv, Haifa and the 18 next-in-size urban areas. In the first nine months of 1982, plummeting sales in these communities meant only 7,062 new flats were purchased — 32 per cent fewer than in the same period a year

earlier.

However, last year's lag in sales also led to a cutback in new housing starts. Kandler says: "Only 19,500 starts were registered in 1982, and this represented a drop of 19 per cent on a year-to-year basis. This will no doubt influence the market in 1983."

"Even if the pace of home sales remains the same as in 1982, there is a reasonable chance that the stock of unsold new flats will soon disappear. This could happen faster than many people think, perhaps by June."

## Gulf producers threaten OPEC with \$4 cut World oil prices are under mounting attack

LONDON. (Reuters). — Pressure built up yesterday on official world oil prices as rates tumbled on the European spot market and Britain's state oil trading company called in its suppliers for talks.

In the U.S. the second domestic oil price cut in two days was announced by Texaco and the company said the one-dollar-a-barrel reduction reflected current market conditions.

A report by the Kuwait News Agency that Gulf producers would announce a \$4 drop in their official oil prices added to market jitters and sent prices plummeting to new record lows on the London Oil Futures Exchange in afternoon trading.

Traders on the European free oil market, which normally handles around three million barrels of oil a day, said sellers trimmed crude prices yesterday in a bid to offload supplies before anticipated announcements of cuts in official export prices.

The spot market prices of key North Sea crudes were weak and looked set to edge lower in the coming days, after a sharp fall of up to one dollar a barrel Monday from Friday's closing levels, they said.

Industry sources said they were checking reports that the Soviet Union had trimmed the price of its contract oil by \$2.15 a barrel, to \$29.35.

The downward movement in the

oil markets has been gathering pace since last week, when OPEC failed in Geneva to come up with a pricing and production agreement to counter the effects of the world oil glut.

Since then a number of OPEC and non-OPEC producers, in particular Britain and Nigeria, have been under pressure to trim their official prices.

In London, oil industry sources said the state-owned British National Oil Corporation (BNOC) had extended discussions on the pricing of its North Sea oil to suppliers as well as customers.

The decision to expand the talks was prompted by pressure from a number of customers who told BNOC the gap between spot market prices and the official British price of \$33.50 was becoming untenably wide, the sources said.

North Sea Brent oil traded on the spot market Monday at around \$28.90 and was set to sink lower.

Some industry statistics suggest refiners are drawing as much as three million barrels a day from stocks, compared with current non-communist world demand of 43 million barrels a day.

The New York based Petroleum Intelligence Weekly said this week that exports from the 13 OPEC producers now accounted for only 16 million barrels of that total, down three million barrels from late 1982.

## Export drive includes 14 international fairs

Post Economic Reporter

Hundreds of local exporters are expected to take part over the coming weeks in 14 international fairs abroad. The export drive is part of a larger marketing plan drawn up by Industry Ministry director-general Avraham Asheri.

In accordance to Asheri's plan Israeli exporters will this year make their first appearance at several fairs, such as the jewelry fairs in Birmingham, Frankfurt and New York. Also on the list are the fair of agricultural inputs in California, the toy fair in Frankfurt and the office equipment show in Tokyo.

Some 100,000 visitors are expected to see the Israeli exhibits at the Berlin fair of food products, which opens this week.

## China has trade surplus of \$4.6 billion

PEKING (AP). — China registered a trade surplus of \$4.6 billion in 1982, the official Xinhua news agency reported recently.

The country had reported a 10 million-yuan (\$5.7 m.) deficit in 1981.

Xinhua said exports last year totalled \$21.6 b. up 3.5 per cent from 1981 or 8.6 per cent, taking into account price reductions on the international market.

It said imports totalled \$17.7 b. roughly equivalent to the 1981 figure once the price reductions are taken into account.

Technology and complete sets of equipment imported totalled \$1.7b. Xinhua added.

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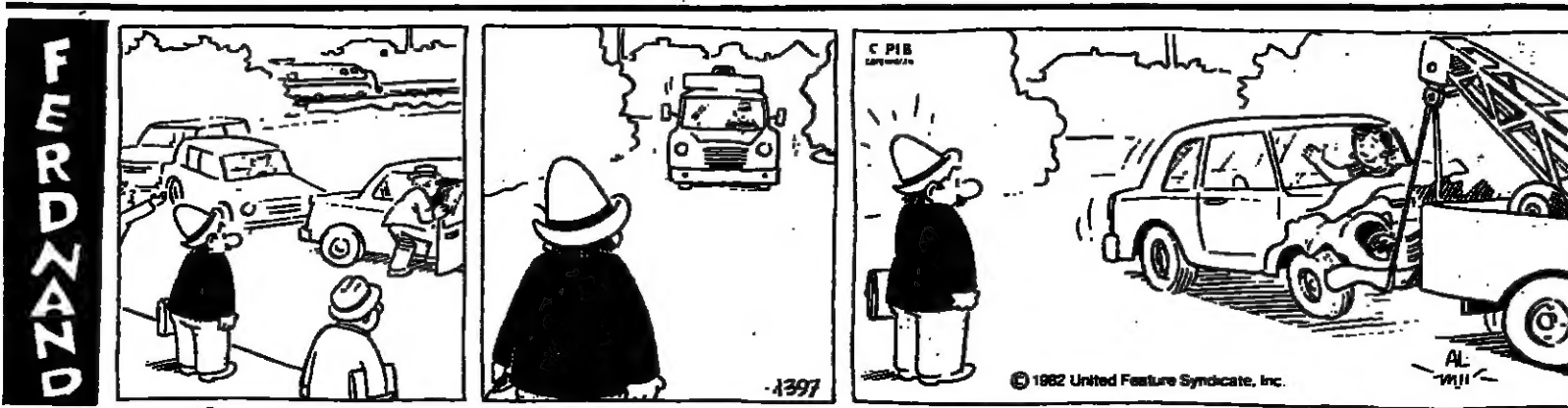
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## WHAT'S ON

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### Jerusalem

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Israel Museum, Exhibitions: Permanent collection of Juddis, Art and Archaeology: Pottery — an exhibition from the Museum's collections; Primitive Art from the Museum's Collection; Touch — Children's Exhibition (until 12.2.83); Bezael 1906-1929: Art of Bezael Teachers; Tip of the Iceberg No. 1: 19th century French drawings and prints from the Museum's collection; Japanese Miniature Sculpture, 18th-19th century Netsuke and Inro; The Wonderful World of Paper (Paper Centre)  
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### CRYPTIC PUZZLE

#### ACROSS

- He has nothing to bluish (5)
- Fine fellow with no head (5)
- Chap out of the race and far from pleased (5)
- Cry of a half-baked bird? (3)
- He upsets most lasses (5)
- Invitation to a drinking companion to tell you the time? (3, 4)
- They may be on wheels (5)
- It's bowed, also "bent" (6)
- They bandaged soldiers' legs (7)
- Its contents are often a load of rubbish (4)
- Can't there be such romances? (4)
- Land of reduced winter rainfall (7)
- Has a destructive effect on royal poetry (6)
- Capable of an outburst? (3)
- Stan and I weave it (5)
- Where to get pleasure only to a moderate degree? (3, 4)
- Writer of two essays for a pound? (5)
- Airman of a humbler kind (3)
- Not pretty, that's clear (5)
- Displeased when in a dire mess about a letter (5)
- Old rulers (5)

#### DOWN

- Where to buy near beer? (5)
- Destroyed in the dark-room? (5, 2)
- A porous cover (4)
- Eugene is a musketeer! (6)
- A Red's upset about being flattened (5)
- A picture, nevertheless (5)

### EASY PUZZLE

#### ACROSS

- Hard outer layer (5)
- Frequent (5)
- Pool of money (5)
- Snoop (3)
- Adder (5)
- Main (7)
- Is clothed in (5)
- Debtors' note (3)
- Put up a fight (6)
- Metal-extracting plant (7)
- Mellow (4)
- Wound mark (4)
- Under (7)
- Prohibited (6)
- Regret (3)
- Pointed weapon (3)
- Sideways (7)
- Imitation game (5)
- Encountered (3)
- Ship's hoist (3)
- Chopped (5)
- Considers (5)

#### DOWN

- Journal (5)
- Whenever (3, 4)
- Mode of transport (4)
- Meal plan (6)
- Grows weary (5)
- Celebrities (5)
- Large vase (3)
- Jumped over (7)
- Fish eggs (3)
- Letter (5)
- Begin (5)
- Go backwards (7)
- Marine creatures (5)
- Extra (5)
- Ship (7)
- Child (6)
- Seabird (3)
- Dismay (5)
- Fast (5)
- Performed (5)
- Particle of matter (6)
- Novel (3)

Yesterdays Easy Solution  
ACROSS.—1, Shoox, 6, Abhor, 9, Replica, 10, Trade, 11, Atone, 12, Sands, 13, Limited, 15, Ant, 17, Eden, 18, Smudge, 19, Sulky, 20, Stream, 22, Fens, 24, Try, 25, Reverse, 26, Pless, 27, Patio, 28, Bloke, 29, Trainee, 30, Stays, 31/Drill.  
DOWN.—2, Horrid, 3, Ordain, 4, Toe, 5, Glued, 6, Academy, 7, Bats, 8, Owning, 12, Serum, 13, Least, 14, Merry, 15, Adder, 16, Tense, 18, Skies, 19, Sailors, 21, Truant, 22, Feeler, 23, Nickel, 25, Rapid, 26, Pity, 28, Bed.

Yesterdays Cryptic Solution  
ACROSS.—1, Re-act, 6, G-able, 9, Owned up, 10, Ilo, 11, N-Eddy, 23, C-row-d, 13, H-O-L-e-o-t, 15, Yes, 17, A-rub, 18, Please, 19, Rifle, 20, Credit, 22, Shag, 24, Her, 25, Niggle, 26, She-E-N, 27, St-out, 28, Tiba, 29, Veilous, 30, Greek, 31, Weigh.  
DOWN.—2, Edit-O-r, 3, Cob-web, 4, Two, 5, Heart, 6, G-U-NW-ale, 7, Ape, 8, L-edges, 12, Co-b-l-e, 13, Hatch, 14, Laker, 15, Yacht, 16, Sedge, 18, Flail, 19, R-right, 21, Rust-er, 22, Sh-rine, 23, Al-ring, 25, Navis (invent), 26, Save, 28, To-w.

Solutions to today's puzzle tomorrow



## 170 issues advance more than 5%

TEL AVIV. — Investors, buttressed by battered salary cheques, came back to the market yesterday, if not in battalions then in sufficient force to drive share prices sharply higher. Nineteen securities were "buyers only" while another 151 zipped ahead by margins of 5-10%. In contrast to Monday's bleak performance, there were only six "sellers only" situations, while 17 securities were down by more than 5%.

A senior exchange official suggested several days ago that we could be in for a sharply swinging market. Yesterday was a perfect case in point.

The change in investor sentiment was also measured by the performance of the nine securities which were "sellers only" for the second consecutive time on Monday. In the past, some of these issues had traded for two sessions in a similar pattern and were then clobbered for losses than ran into the tens of percentage points. Yesterday, this was not the case.

For the sake of good order we list the securities and yesterday's changes: **Ampa Option** -18.7%; **Israel General Corp.** -1.1%; **Ala C** -10.6%; **Zion Cables** 1.0%; **Lighterage** 0.5-1.5%; **Cold Bonded** 0.5-5.0%; **Bayasid** 0.1 no change; **Ispro** -4% and **Fedoil** -4.2%.

In spite of yesterday's exuberance and enthusiasm for equities, trading volumes were very low and totalled just over 151.0 billion.

### Tel Aviv Stock Exchange

By JOSEPH MORGENTHAU

The index-linked bond market slowed to a crawl as prices barely managed insignificant advances on a turnover of 152.81 million.

The shekel was devalued by 13 agorot against the dollar. In spite of protestations to the contrary it seems that the pace of devaluation is being speeded up somewhat.

The sharp price drops in January were reflected in the General Share Index statistics for that month which were released yesterday by the Central Bureau of Statistics.

Yields for January, 1983

General Share Index (G.S.I.)	Change in %
G.S.I. without banks	-20.33
Finance	+0.71
Commercial Banks	+6.0
Mortgage Banks	-22.04
Spec. Financial Inst's	-32.69
Insurance	-30.57
Services and Trade	-35.55
Real Estate	-21.79
Industrials	-22.23
Investment	-9.95
Oil Exploration	-17.69

Commercial bank shares continued their steady advance. The Big Three banks advanced by more than 0.5% on the average. Union and Mizrahi moved ahead by more than one per cent. First Inter-

national posted a 2.9% gain, while FIBI was fractionally higher.

The shares of the Israel Maritime Bank, which fell by 41% on Monday, were 0.7% higher yesterday.

In other groups of trading the gains ran up to 10% but turnovers were mostly on the moderate side. M.L.T. announced the results of the subscription to its first-ever financing issue. The issue was over-subscribed 1.53 times the amount on offer. The company decided to allocate 86.55 per cent of the orders received, with a maximum of 3,940 units per order. Both the 151.0 and 155.0 shares will trade today from a base of 200.

The **Urdan Industries C** option will also debut today and trading will begin from a base price of 955.

**Kadmaal Metal Industries** announced that it had received contracts from the Israel Electric Corporation valued at \$8 million.

Today the **Maqette 0.1** shares will trade without price limitation after having been listed as "buyers only" for the preceding two sessions.

**Nikav Computers** option will also trade today without price limitation in the wake of trading as "sellers only" for two sessions.

Most active stocks	Price	Change
Mizrahi B	903	+1.14
Union S.I.	431	+2.39
Leumi	1912	+2.58
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### Securteam says January market drop was 24 per cent

## Toting up the real (dollar) damage

By MACABEE DEAN  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The dollar value of all shares traded on the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange fell by 15 per cent, from \$17.6 billion to \$15 billion in January, according to Securteam, a local financial consultancy firm headed by David Tobias.

Securteam, which is an affiliate of Euroteam, values the shares in dollars to give a better idea of their price during an inflationary period. (The value is based on all shares actually traded, plus those which might be held by the owners of the companies themselves, or otherwise, which could be traded.)

If commercial banks are not included in the calculations the drop in January, when the market collapsed, was 24 per cent.

This is how the ten largest firms fared:

Bank Hapoalim rose in value by \$115m., to stand at \$2,041; Leumi rose by \$66m., to \$1,838; I.D.B.

gained \$75m., to \$962m.; Discount picked up \$99m., to \$724m.; Mizrahi rose by \$45m., to stand at \$463m. and Koor gained \$51m., to stand at \$349m.

But Ala lost \$59m., to \$455m.; Solel Boneh fell by \$62m., to \$413m.; I.D.B. Development lost \$11m., to \$407m.; and Dead Sea Works, which chalked up the largest loss, slipped by \$440m., to only \$316m.

Among commercial banks, FIBI lost 55%, or \$294m., with its value at the end of the month being only \$245m., compared to \$539m. at the beginning. First International (which belongs to FIBI) lost 21% or \$81m., with its value at the end of the month only \$301m., compared to \$382m. at the beginning of the month. Danot, which is the holding company of both FIBI and First International, lost 19% or \$57m. to stand at \$218m. at the end of the month.

All mortgage banks fell, with

Merav (a Danot company) losing 60% (the highest percentage loss) or \$80m. Merav's value fell during January from \$133m. to \$53m.

All mortgage banks fell in value, with the smallest loss chalked up by Tefahot, which lost 10%, or \$24m., to stand at \$208m. (Tefahot belongs to the Mizrahi group).

With the exception of Ararat and Sahar, which gained 8% and 28% respectively, all insurance companies fell. The biggest amount, 56%, was lost by Arieh and by Haseh. (Both lost 56%).

Among commercial firms and services, the biggest loss, 59%, or \$89m., was at Lighterage, while Yehalom Hotels rose by 75%.

However, the average of all companies in this sector fell by 40%.

Among land development companies, Isro lost 73%, while Ben Yakar gained 33%.

The average fall among all industrial companies was 30%, with the worst losers being: Argaman, down by 50%, Atlantic down 29%, Alaska 38%, Ata down 74%, Goldfrost 50%, Fertilizers 33%, Tromashev 56%, Mollet 67%, Dead Sea 58%, Sano 35%, Elite 34%, Schoelleria 59% and Shemen 36%.

As for investment companies, Paz fell by 44%, Discount Investments, 37%, Israel Corporation 33% and Pama 44%.

Among oil companies, Fedoil fell by 50%, and Paz Exploration by 23%.

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U.S.A.	DOLLAR	1	35.7513	36.1107	35.3900	36.4700
GREAT BRITAIN	STERLING	1	54.3956	54.9424	53.8400	55.4900
GERMANY	MARK	1	14.4636	14.6091	14.3100	14.7500
FRANCE	FRANC	1	5.0935	5.1447	4.8600	5.2000
HOLLAND	GULDEN	1	13.1704	13.3029	13.0300	13.4400
SWITZERLAND	FRANCS	1	17.6706	17.8483	17.4900	18.0300
SWEDEN	KRONA	1	4.7630	4.8109	4.6500	4.8000
NORWAY	KRONE	1	4.9765	5.0265	4.8600	5.0600
DENMARK	KRONE	1	4.1102	4.1516	4.0100	4.1900
FINLAND	MARK	1	6.5671	6.6331	6.4100	6.7000
CANADA	DOLLAR	1	28.4946	29.1851	28.3700	29.4800
AUSTRALIA	DOLLAR	1	34.2523	34.8997	33.9700	35.4600
SOUTH AFRICA	RAND	1	33.3563	33.8916	32.8100	34.4000
BELGIUM	FRANC	10	7.3881	7.4624	7.2000	7.5000
AUSTRIA	SCHILLING	10	20.5585	20.7652	20.3100	20.7000
ITALY	LIRE	1000	25.1947	25.4680	24.8100	25.7000
JAPAN	YEN	1000	148.9637	150.4613	147.4500	151.9600

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DEPOSIT FOR	ANNUAL NOMINAL INTEREST FOR CLIENT	EFFECTIVE ANNUAL COMPARISON FOR CLIENT
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SHORT TERM 2 WEEKS	7.6%	111.5%
SHORT TERM 3 WEEKS	7.6%	116.4%
SHORT TERM 1 MONTH	7.6%	112.9%
SHORT TERM 2 MONTHS	8.0%	111.9%

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## Still awaiting reform

THE STOCK EXCHANGE fever appears to have subsided, but the sickness which gave rise to it has not been cured. The exchange remains what it was earlier — a popular gambling casino rather than a well-ordered market in financial securities, ruled by sobriety and based on fair-play. The sheer number of manipulations suspected of having been perpetrated in it in the past is evidence of the crying need for a reform of the system.

For one thing, it is surely time for the Treasury to lay down such criteria for the issuance of new shares which would no longer allow every Tom, Dick and Harry to have securities listed in his name on the Stock Exchange. Only respectable companies with a decent annual turnover should be granted the right to raise money by floating shares. The exchange should also be equipped with the means of detecting — and blocking — any movement of prices that is not only unusual but inexplicable as well.

Another matter that needs attention is the all-too-easy access to trading on the share market by every holder of a bank account.

The minimal trading unit should preferably be set high enough to discourage that semi-mythical figure, the "small investor" needs to do in order to provide against a rainy day, merce, the banks and the brokers. The result of such unequal competition is bound to be a spate of complaints about unfairness. The small investor, such as he really is, should rather be encouraged to put his money in savings plans.

There is no end of savings plans — short-term plans bearing high interest, medium-term plans that are index-linked, and long-term plans combined with pensions. All that the small investor needs to do in order to provide against a rainy day, without taking an undue risk, is to pick one or another among them.

Leave the Stock Exchange to professionals — that ought to be the motto. This would make it much easier to assure continuous trading in the market, instead of the current practice of once-a-day price fixing. It would also tend to create a new class of "market makers" who because they specialize in specific types of securities, would be obligated to support their prices in certain conditions. This in turn would reduce the frequency of the "sellers only" or "buyers only" sign going up.

The Knesset, too, should take a more active interest in the exchange — not through fiery speeches aimed at the media, but through corrective legislation. For example:

- Market manipulators should be restrained by all means possible. Even their banking accounts should be opened for inspection where there is a reasonable suspicion of wrongdoing and a judge certifies the action.
- Portfolio managers should be held to account. The law must insist on proper qualifications — perhaps attested by exams — and financial guarantees by these managers. There ought, in short, to be minimal standards in the management of other people's investments.
- Investment advisers are free to tender advice which is apt to cost its recipients dearly. Their professional reliability needs to be scrutinized. In the case of advisers employed by the commercial banks, there is also the obvious question of a possible conflict of interests.
- Finally, the mutual funds should be taken care of. The funds have lately shown themselves to be far less trustworthy than they were widely believed to be. They must be put on notice that they are, in fact, trustees of their investors' money and cannot have a totally free hand in disposing of it. The outdated 1961 law relating to trust funds needs to be amended in the light of last year's developments.

Unless action to reform the exchange is taken, there is reason to fear a recurrence of periodic crises, perhaps even more feverish than the last one.

# BALANCING ACT

By D'VORA BEN SHAUL

ISRAEL, now in the midst of National Nature Protection Week, is the only state in the Middle East with a comprehensive policy of nature conservation and a professional staff to implement it.

Because of this situation, and the particular geographic location of Israel, conservationists here are faced with a unique set of problems and responsibilities.

Israel is located at the junction of three continents and is blessed with the flora and fauna of all three. The amount of wildlife found locally, both permanent and in migration, is totally disproportionate to the size of the country. The great migratory route from Europe to Africa passes directly through this country, and Israel is one of the few places between Europe and South Africa where a migratory bird can rest a weary wing without facing the immediate danger of being shot, snared, netted or otherwise molested.

Because of its strong conservation policies, Israel has become the *de facto* custodian of many species native to this region but which have disappeared from the neighbouring states. This involuntary status as sole guardian imposes a great responsibility, since in many cases conservationists are faced with problems of wildlife management for which there are no precedents.

One such problem is the hill gazelle. Some areas, such as Kohav Hayarden (Belvoir) and the hills of Ramot Issachar, are populated with herds of this species which, at least in the eyes of the local farmers are far too large. But for the conservationists of the Israel Nature Reserves Authority, charged by the state with wildlife management, these gazelle herds are regarded as probably the only herds of this species left in the world. They cannot, and indeed must not, treat them as would conservationists in a place where there were other herds

a few kilometres away.

When gazelle herds such as these damage crops, the farmers quite naturally demand that something be done to protect their own livelihood. This situation has, recently, resulted in appeals to the courts to order the Nature Reserves Authority to thin out the herds.

The Nature Reserves Authority are not insensitive to the needs of agriculture. In fact, a large part of its budget is devoted to the prevention of agricultural damage. But in the end, many conservationists feel that the talmudic ruling concerning the dove and the tree should apply here as well. In the Talmud, the following question is posed: Who is responsible if a dove is killed by a predatory animal which climbed the tree of a neighbour and thereby gained access to the doves. The ruling is based on what was there first, the dove or the tree. If the dove was there first, then whoever planted the tree bears the responsibility. If the tree was there first, then whoever made the dove responsible.

Following this rule, many conservationists hold that since the gazelle has always been there, then whoever farms in the area must fence their cultivated fields. Despite this, it has long been the policy of the Nature Reserves Authority to pay half the cost of fencing orchards and other vulnerable crops.

ONE OF THE few things that would alleviate pressure all around is the one thing that the Ministry of Agriculture has consistently refused to consider — recognizing damage by wildlife as "damage from natural causes." This would allow the farmer to claim compensation for crops destroyed by gazelles or birds.

As matters stand now, a farmer who loses his crops as a result of hail, drought, flood, etc. is compensated. But he is not compensated if they are destroyed by wildlife.

Although the Nature Reserves Authority has repeatedly pressed for this change, there has not been any significant move in that direction.

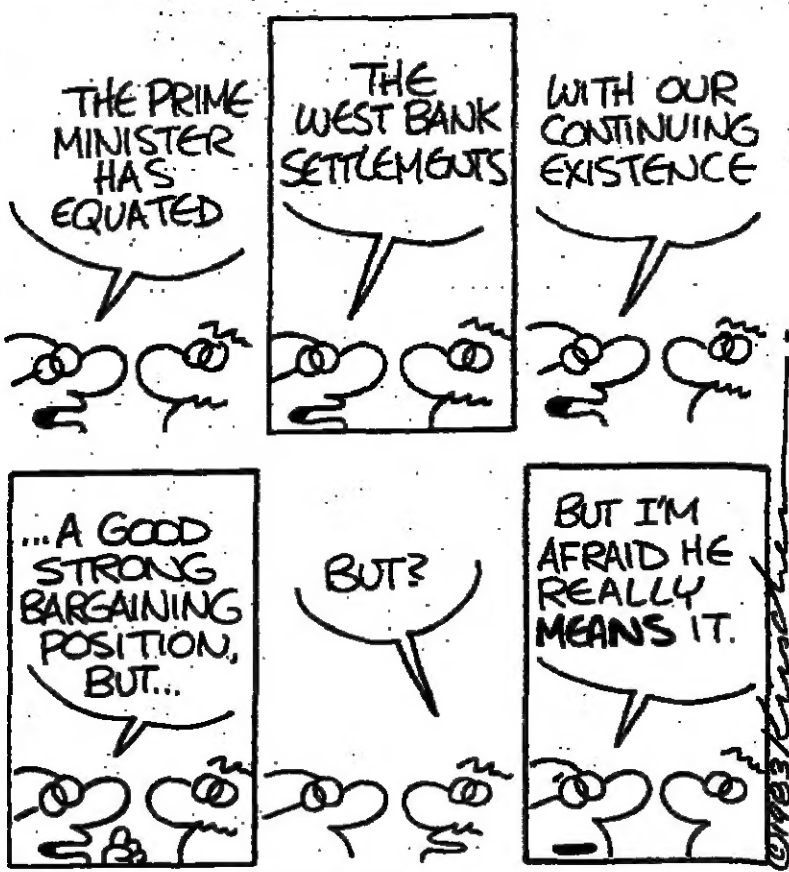
Bird damage, however, is far more significant than that of gazelles. In some areas, partridges and larks have actually destroyed entire crops while the seeds were still sprouting.

This situation deserves, and receives, a great deal of attention from the authority's conservationists. They, together with the Institute for Nature Conservation Research at the Tel Aviv University, have devoted a large amount of money and manpower to finding non-lethal means of deterring these birds from damaging crops.

A part of this problem is one of our own making and is a direct result of short-sighted policies that were practised in the early sixties. Random and excessive spreading of poisoned baits for dogs and jackals by the Ministry of Agriculture resulted in the near eradication of most of the country's smaller predators, such as the mongoose, polecat, badger, wild cats, lynx, foxes and birds of prey. The shortage of these animals allowed rapid and uncontrolled growth in the population of ground-nesting birds and wild hares. Even now, as predator populations have returned more or less to their former levels, the gap is evident. Biological control systems take a long time to return nature to a balanced state.

Nor are crops the only targets for wildlife. One of the most vulnerable accessories in agriculture is the system of plastic irrigation pipes on which the farmers depend. Woodpeckers drill holes in them, mice gnaw at them, hyenas treat them like chewing gum and young foxes and jackals use them for teething rings. One agitated Nature Reserves warden once exclaimed: "For heaven's sake, what did

## Dry Bones



wildlife do for entertainment before there were any plastic pipes?"

BUT EVEN problems like these can be solved and, according to Dr. Yoram Yom-Tov, of the Tel Aviv University's department of zoology, a yellow-coloured pipe that has been developed will not be attractive to woodpeckers.

All of these non-lethal methods of wildlife management require intensive and very basic research into animal behaviour under field conditions. This research is expensive and every agency interested in performing such research is hard-pressed for funds. Researchers say that if nature conservation had 5 per cent of the budget that is used for research on new pesticides then Israel could lead the world in the sphere of non-lethal methods of preventing crop damage.

More than anything else, conservationists are aware of the special situation prevailing in Israel vis-à-vis nature conservation. Redeployment of the military forces from the Sinai to the Negev are a threat to desert ecology; burgeoning population and increased settlements bring agricultural poisons up to the very border of nature reserves; industrial and urban waste pollutes water sources. All these factors are part and parcel of the problems of conservation in a small area.

But Israel's wealth of plant and animal life is more than a daily problem. These species are held, as it were, in trust for the future. When dealing with these problems, the Israeli conservationist has always before his eyes the warning: "Remember... Extinct is Forever."

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# A perilous proposal

By ELIAHU D. RICHTER

THE PROPOSAL of the Transportation Ministry to raise the maximum permitted speed from 90 to 100 kilometres per hour on three major interurban highways, if implemented, will kill and maim many Israelis.

There are nine reasons why this proposal is dangerous. First, higher speeds mean that injuries to occupants and pedestrians will be more severe. The severity of injuries sustained in crashes is related to the square of the velocity at which the occupant's body, head and limbs impact with the interior surfaces of the vehicle. This is attenuated but not eliminated by seat belts. In Israel, the case fatality rate (number killed per total killed plus injured) is already four times greater in highway accidents than in those in the towns.

Second, no matter how good the road, raising cruising speeds means more crashes, deaths and injuries, while reducing these speeds means fewer of the same.

In the 1973-1974 oil squeeze, ac-

cidents, death, and injuries in the U.S. and many European countries dropped with the enforcement of the 90 kilometre (55 miles) per hour speed limit and then rose again on these same roads as average and maximum speeds crept upwards.

There are data showing that Israel is no exception to the axiom that "speed kills" and "more speed kills more." The same rule applies to crushed spinal cords, crushed chests, ruptured spleens, livers, bladders, torn aortas, depressed skull fractures, and broken limbs.

Third, whatever the maximum speed limit, there will be many who will exceed it. Drivers now cruising at 100-110 kilometres per hour will step up their speeds to 110-120

kilometres. This, by the way, is a good argument for lowering the maximum limit.

Fourth, higher speed limits mean a wider spread between the fastest and slowest vehicles on the road, resulting in a higher risk of pile-up collisions.

Fifth, higher speeds on our highways will have a spillover effect on the cruising speeds on smaller roads and in the cities, as drivers reset their internal speedometers to higher levels; the effects will be lethal at the many high risk spots still found on our highways and secondary feeder roads.

Sixth, teenage male drivers, whose numbers have recently soared, and who are the typhoid

Marys of the worldwide epidemic of road accidents, will be especially inclined to drive faster and take more risks for all the usual "machismo" reasons so well described in this group. Many of these young drivers are driving smaller cars — the sub-compacts — whose passengers are at higher risk of death and injury.

Seventh, young male military drivers, a high risk sub-group, will drive at speeds which are incompatible with their experience and maturity, and more soldiers and civilians will be killed. One step, by the way, which would reduce the toll of dead and injured from road accidents involving IDF drivers would be to utilize the services of women soldiers or older men who drive more slowly.

Eight, in a country as small as Israel, the time saved by raising interurban speeds would be trivial. A better telephone service would even make many interurban trips unnecessary.

Ninth, those who keep abreast of the literature on road accident prevention are aware of recent field trials in professional fleets in which mechanical governors have been used to decrease cruising speeds. To the best of my knowledge, no one has yet proposed a governor for increasing speeds as a means of reducing death and injury from road accidents.

The Ministry of Transportation should not be permitted to raise the speed limit on any of Israel's roads — a step which is certain to result in killing and maiming more people, especially the young, who already are the high-risk group for death and injury from road accidents.

The writer, a physician and lecturer in the Department of Medical Ecology at the Hebrew University, is an authority on the epidemiology of traffic accidents.

## POSTSCRIPTS

**RABBI** Gilbert Klapperman, president of the Rabbinical Council of America, has announced that he will appoint a commission to explore the halachic implications of the nuclear age, including the development of nuclear arms and nuclear war.

Addressing more than 200 rabbis at the closing session of the council's two-day meeting recently in Kiamisha Lake, New York, Klapperman said he decided to appoint the commission because "we have to extrapolate new applications from halacha, within a totally new framework, to deal with the morality of nuclear weapons escalation."

The rabbi noted that he could not see how the normally applicable categories of Jewish law such as self-defence, reaction to attack, and legal restraints, could possibly be directed to the nuclear age in which the two super-powers are already facing each other "with taut trigger fingers on cocked nuclear weapons."

Rabbi J. David Bleich, professor of Talmud at Yeshiva University, said that according to Judaism, war is absolutely forbidden other than at specific divine behest. The only time when one can use arms, other than at divine behest, is for self-defence. But, Bleich noted, self-defence is not characterized as war. "Self-defence gives the intended victim the right to eliminate

aggression, but not the right to sacrifice the lives of innocent bystanders," he said.

The scholar pointed out that war, when theologically sanctioned, generates the right to go to battle even though there may be casualties among non-combatants. Nuclear warfare, such as occurred at Hiroshima, involved intentional annihilation of innocent people. "The direct intention to kill non-combatants such as in nuclear war is theologically odious and morally indefensible," Bleich added. He stressed, however, that he is opposed to unilateral disarmament.

**PS** A TON of stinking goat cheese is rotting in a Swedish police station, to the discomfort of local officers, while authorities ponder whether it is needed as evidence of a crime.

Inspector Svante Sundberg said a dairy had alleged that a driver employed to dispose of a 50-ton consignment of cheese damaged in a fire and declared unfit for consumption had sold large amounts instead.

He said his officers in the northwest Swedish town of Stromsund could not dump the rotting evidence until local authorities and the district court decided whether charges would be pressed.

"The whole of this story stinks. We must have a decision before the rats get here," he said.

## SOLAR ENERGY

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: Sir, — The article by Moshe Sharon, "No Friend of Israel" (January 7) fails to draw the conclusion that Saudi Arabia is a declared enemy of Israel and should be dealt with as such by Israel. Saudi power lies in oil and the enormous amounts of money which the oil provides; the money which the oil purchases the massive Russian arms, and American and European arms, with which Israel is threatened. Big money attracts big business and very big money attracts very big business and very big business is Aramco and Bechtel and the military-industrial complex and that is what America is about; and that is why American Middle-East policy is made in Saudi Arabia. Everybody likes money. Why should it be a surprise that Americans will sell Israel for money? Israel is selling its own birth-right for money!

The power of Saudi oil should be translated into a scientific and engineering problem for Israel. Oil is stored solar energy; fuel for machines which consume to produce work. Israel should design and develop machines that produce work directly from the sun's energy; wind-energy machines, solar-ponds, solar furnaces, photo-voltaics, ocean thermal-energy conversion, methane generators, etc. The basic information for these machines is already available; what is required is improved efficiency and this is precisely where Israeli genius is most creative.

The objective of the energy industry should be toward a solar-hydrogen economy, but the initial target should be a ten per cent national self-sufficiency in energy in the shortest possible time. Attainment of such self-sufficiency would provide an information base sufficient to maintain sustained, accelerating growth; it would attract world-wide attention with formidable export potential and would generate favourable political fallout for Israel among the vigorous and politically conscious environmental groups around the world.

It will be argued that Saudi oil in-

## BALANCED APPROACH

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: Sir, — Reading The Jerusalem Post, I get to know the reality of Israeli life: it gives me a taste of "living Israel," its problems, struggles, failures, even dreams. Israel's various opinions, ideas, as well as accomplishments.

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SR. MARIE NOELLE Lorgues, France.

## TV PROGRAMMES

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: Sir, — Some time ago, I sent a complaint to the Israel Television, arguing that most light and entertainment programmes, such as movies and others in that category, are featured too late in the evening for the average Israeli viewer. Most of us get up before 6 a.m., work hard and we fall asleep in front of the set after "Moked" or "Mabat Shenit".

I also pointed out that, in Israel today, more than 70 per cent of TV sets are colour ones; yet few programmes are broadcast in colour. Even between two colour programmes, the announcer comes on the screen in black and white. Moreover, in most countries, the news is in colour and almost no one has sports features in black and white any more.

I was not surprised not even to get an answer to my letter. So I sent a complaint to Kolbotek about a popular product, for which the public pays a lot of money and the consumer does not get his money's worth. I received a reply to the effect that they sent my complaint on to the Israeli Television Board — the same which did not answer me in the first place.

I then wrote, stressing the fact that not only has the public no say

## OFFENSIVE REACTION

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: Sir, — I would like your readers to know about a virulent and offensive anti-Israel reaction of an American scientist, an employee of a well-known American electronics company.

Dr. Mitchell, a scientist working in the Racah Institute of Physics of the Hebrew University, sent a letter to Dr. J.R.M. Vaughan, of Litton Industries, San Carlos, California. Dr. Mitchell received his letter back, unopened, and on the envelope the message: "I will not engage in correspondence with the murderers of Lebanon. J.R.M. Vaughan."

I wonder if this is the official policy of Litton Industries.

PROFESSOR F. DOTHAN Jerusalem.

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